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# Hop to the Center for Puppetry Arts with Peter Rabbit, September 14-25

*The classic tale of the mischievous bunny is brought to life on stage!*

**WHAT**: ***Tales of*** ***Peter Rabbit*** by Thistle Theatre of Seattle, WA

In honor of Beatrix Potter’s 150 birthday, the Center for Puppetry Arts is proud to welcome Thistle Theatre’s *Tales of Peter Rabbit* for a limited engagement from **September 14-25***.* This production enlivens the beloved world of Beatrix Potter by intertwining "The Tale of Peter Rabbit" and "The Tale of Benjamin Bunny." One crisp morning, Peter’s sisters, Flopsy, Mopsy and Cottontail obediently pick berries, but Peter embarks on a daring adventure to Mr. McGregor’s garden. After losing his beautiful, blue jacket in a narrow escape, Peter must venture back into the garden to retrieve it. However, this time he is accompanied by his cousin, Benjamin Bunny. Will Peter and Benjamin make it out of the garden without Mr. McGregor catching them?

As part of the Center’s Autism Spectrum Disorder initiative, a sensory-friendly performance of ***Tales of Peter Rabbit*** will be presented on **Sunday, September 18** at **1 p.m.** Sensory stimuli will also be reduced in Museum Exhibits from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. and in Create-A-Puppet Workshops™ from 1:45 p.m.-2:30 p.m. This special afternoon will allow guests with Autism Spectrum Disorder to experience programming in a comfortable and safe setting with staff members who have been trained in interactions with patrons with ASD. Along with a quiet zone in the lobby, several performance alterations will be employed, including: theater lights dimmed down (but not out); consistent sound levels and lower volume of show soundtrack; freedom for children to talk during the show and leave their seats, if necessary; and permission to bring quiet, contained snacks and beverages. Create-A-Puppet Workshop™ classrooms will be brighter, quieter and feature less-messy puppet building materials and slightly simplified puppet designs. In the Museum Exhibits, lighting will be adjusted and specialized educational activities (such as touch tables and guided storytelling) will be integrated. Fidget toys and sound-reducing headphones will also be available.

Thistle Theatre is celebrating its 25th year. To learn more about the company visit [www.thistletheatre.org](http://www.thistletheatre.org).

**WHEN**: Regular show times are as follows:

**September 14– September 25, 2016**

Wednesday - Friday: 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

**WHERE: Center for Puppetry Arts**

1404 Spring Street NW  
Atlanta, GA 30309

**HOW:** Tickets are available for **$10.25 (Members)** and **$20.50 (Nonmembers)** and include admission to the show, the *Worlds of Puppetry* Museum (with the largest collection of Jim Henson puppets and artifacts in the world as well as a Global Gallery), and entrance to the Create-A-Puppet Workshop™, where guests can make and decorate their own **Peter Rabbit Rod Puppet** and perform with it on our classroom stage. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.puppet.org](http://www.puppet.org) or by calling the ticket sales office at **404.873.3391**.

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