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# Santa’s sleigh brings Rudolph for an extended stay at the Center for Puppetry Arts, November 7-December 31

 *Top Atlanta holiday tradition sparkles for the eighth consecutive year*

**ATLANTA (September 19, 2017)** – A performance so bright, some might even say it glows! ***Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer™*** is flying to the **Center for Puppetry Arts** once again this holiday season! The classic tale will be presented in the Mainstage Theater, **November 7 – December 31.** The holiday spectacular was adapted by Jon Ludwig and is directed by Tim Sweeney. Based on the timeless 1964 stop-motion animated television special, this must-see show is a favorite for all ages. ***Rudolph the Red Nosed-Reindeer™*** is filled with adventure, friendship and bound to bring joy to all this bright and merry season!

Patrons will watch in wonder as the North Pole truly comes to life through the use of rod and body puppets meticulously designed by the Center’s Resident Puppet Builder Jason Hines and constructed by the Center’s team of puppet builders. Puppeteers Dolph Amick, Nikolas Carleo, Brian Harrison, Emily Marsh, Kathryn O’Shea and Anna Claire Walker create the magic of the classic tale on stage.

Sam the Snowman™ will once again narrate the beloved tale of unlikely friendship formed among Rudolph™, Hermey the Elf™, Yukon Cornelius™ and all of the magnificent misfit toys. While narrowly escaping the grips of Bumble the Abominable Snow Monster™ and braving perilous blizzards, their journey is sure to warm hearts as the friends learn the importance of being true to one’s self and accepting others along the way. *Rudolph the Red-Nosed ReindeerTM*is recommended for ages 4 and up.

All-inclusive tickets to all shows also include entrance to the Create-A-Puppet Workshop™, where guests can make and decorate their own **King Moonracer™ Rod and String Puppet**, as well as admission to the *Worlds of Puppetry* Museum.

The show schedule is as follows:

* November 7-19:
	+ Tuesday-Friday: 10 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.
	+ Saturday: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
	+ Sunday: 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

*\*Reduced-price previews November 7 & 8*

* November 21-26:
	+ Tuesday: 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.
	+ Wednesday: 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.
	+ Friday-Saturday: 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
	+ Sunday: 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

*\*The Center will be closed on Thursday, November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving Day*

* November 28-December 10:
	+ Tuesday-Friday: 10 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.
	+ Saturday: 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
	+ Sunday: 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (special 5 p.m. show on December 10 only)
* December 12-24:
	+ Tuesday-Wednesday: 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.
	+ Thursday-Friday: 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.
	+ Saturday: 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
	+ Sunday: 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

*\*The Center will be closed on Monday, December 25 in observance of Christmas Day*

* December 26-31:
	+ Tuesday-Wednesday: 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.
	+ Thursday-Friday: 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.
	+ Saturday: 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
	+ Sunday: 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Tickets prices vary by date, and start at **$9.25 (Members) and $19.50 (nonmembers);** all-inclusivetickets 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 **King Moonracer™ Rod and String Puppet** and perform with it on the Center’s classroom stage. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.puppet.org](http://www.puppet.org) or by calling **404.873.3391**.

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