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# Re-discover the classic tale of *Oliver Twist* at the Center for Puppetry Arts, February 28 – March 5

*David Simpich presents Dickens’ story as a one-man show*

**ATLANTA (February 7, 2017)** — Charles Dickens’ classic novel ***Oliver Twist*** will come to life at the **Center for Puppetry Arts** for one week only, from **February 28 – March 5**. The show is performed by Simpich Marionettes out of Colorado Springs, Colo., and features David Simpich’s ornate, hand-carved marionettes. In this one-man show, Simpich does double duty puppeteering his marionettes while performing as Dickens. As the narrator, he tells the tale of literature’s famous orphan who escapes an orphanage only to find himself caught up in London’s underground crime scene.

**WHAT: *Oliver Twist*** presented by Simpich Marionettes

 Recommended for ages 12 and up

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

 **February 28 – March 5**

Tuesday – Thursday: 10:30 a.m.

 Friday and Saturday: 8 p.m.

 Sunday: 5 p.m.

**WHERE: Center for Puppetry Arts (Downstairs Theater)**

 1404 Spring Street NW
 Atlanta, GA 30309

**HOW:** Tickets are **$18.75 (Members)** and **$25.00 (nonmembers)** and include admission to the show and the *Worlds of Puppetry* Museum (with the largest collection of Jim Henson puppets and artifacts in the world as well as a Global Gallery). Tickets can be purchased online at [www.puppet.org](http://www.puppet.org) or by calling **404.873.3391**.

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