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**Cape May Stage Entertains  
the Whole Family this July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend  
with  
Go North Penguin!  
A Brand New Musical by Pupphitz Puppets**

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**Pupphitz Puppets presents  
“Go North Penguin”  
Written & Performed by Scott Hitz & Company**

**One Special Performance:**  
July 5, 2009 11AM

*Cape May, NJ – June 22, 2009-* On Sunday morning, July 5<sup>th</sup>, Cape May Stage will feature an extra special show for families this holiday weekend. At 11AM, puppeteer Scott Hitz & company will charm audiences by combining skilled puppetry lovable characters and great music in this new enchanting show for families, *Go North Penguin*. In the spirit of Jim Henson, the story of Pogo the Penguin promises to engage kids and parents alike in this action-packed, large-scale puppet presentation.

Meet Pogo- a Penguin with a problem. He has no home and can't seem to figure out where to look for one. Pogo starts at the South Pole and goes the only way he can - NORTH. Along the way he meets a friendly Lion, a funky Monkey and a country Dog learning new ideas about the meaning of "home" throughout his travels.

Using original songs written to music from the 70s & 80s, puppets designed and built by the talented people at Monkey Boys Puppets, and a host of crazy characters, Hitz creates a magical world for young and old alike.

As part of Cape May Stage's new Second Stage Series, *Go North Penguin* is a wonderful way to introduce new audiences to the theatre. Artistic Director Roy Steinberg's vision of keeping the doors open during traditionally 'dark days/nights' allows the Stage to reach out to the littlest theatregoers and families and shows them that Cape May Stage is a

place of constant creativity for young, old and everyone in-between!

### **About Scott Hitz**

Scott Hitz is a director and puppeteer for both stage and screen. His work in Puppetry has been seen in *T.V. Funhouse* on Comedy Central and *The Book of Pooh* on the Disney Channel. He has also written and directed puppet works for the Philadelphia Orchestra and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. His work has taken him to Korea as part of the Chunchon Festival for puppetry and to NYC where he helped form the Cats Paw Collective.

He has designed, built and performed puppets for various institutions including Adventure Aquarium, The Arden Theater in Philadelphia and The London Production of *Ave. Q*. Scott has received various awards for his work with Arts in Education programs including the prestigious Pennsylvania Arts in Education award for the teaching program he developed for Mum Puppettheatre in Philadelphia Pennsylvania. He has also been the recipient of a Henson seed grant for his production *Ursa Major: The Voice of the Bear* and is currently one third of *Monkey Boys Puppets*, a puppet company for television and stage.

What industry professionals have to say about Scott Hitz:

"Scott can take any object and imbue it with life. It is uncanny, and often marvelous!"  
- Chris Parks, Director of Education  
McCarter Theater

"When I first met Scott Hitz many years ago at the Eugene O'Neill National Puppetry Conference, he produced two pieces that are still among my most favorite, and are held as a benchmark for myself and other staff members of what can be done with the most creative of minds and the simplest of materials. (the TV piece and Empty Vessels) Our association in the years since has been very successful; including the National Tour of "Go Diego, GO!" and the Broadway run of "Little Shop of Horrors"."  
- Martin P. Robinson, Puppeteer  
Little Shop of Horrors, Sesame Street

### **Ticket Information**

*Go North Penguin* performs July 5 at 11AM at the Robert Shackleton Playhouse of the Cape May Stage. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$10 for kids/students! Call (609) 884-1341 for tickets and information or visit the theatre's website, [www.capemaystage.com](http://www.capemaystage.com). Audio enhancement, wheelchair accessible seating, and large print programs are available with advance notice by calling the box office at (609) 884-1341.

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