

Program Name: The Emperor Penguin's New Clothes

Artist: StoneLion Puppet Theatre

Special Requirements:

Staging: 16 X 16 flat surface
Electrical: Two 110 outlets

Special Points of Interest:

Hans Christian Andersen
Character Traits
Animal Species

Performance Description

The Emperor has nothing new to wear so a contest is announced. Tailors from all over the frozen land come to bring him their latest creations along with two shifty polar bears intent on duping the kingdom out of all their riches. These wily bears concoct a fantastical tale of a magical cloth that only the very intelligent can see...so of course the Emperor demands they make a fabulous costume out of it for only him.

Just what does he end up wearing? Join StoneLion Puppet Theatre and find out, but please: clothing is required.

Vanity and greed never pay off as demonstrated by StoneLion

Puppet Theatre's *The Emperor Penguin's New Clothes*, loosely based on Hans Christian Andersen's tale. This rendition is a zany musical full of singing penguins, a wise walrus and lots of charm.

Adapted by: Tim Cormack
Music by: Jack Sharman



Educational Objectives & Standards

Students will:

- Appreciate the mechanics of musical puppet theatre
- Identify Hans Christian Andersen's work not only as a musical piece, but as a narrative text
- Identify animal species

Standards addressed:

- Can talk about characters and their actions in stories
- Knows character traits that help individuals to succeed.
- Understands how descriptions, dialogue, and actions are used to discover, articulate and justify character motivation



StoneLion Puppet Theatre is a professional company dedicated to challenging the thought patterns of the young and young at heart through the art of puppetry. They use multiple puppetry styles to bring the magic of theatre to life.

Heather Nisbett-Loewenstein is the Founder and Artistic Director. She has performed, designed, and/or directed more than 70 different productions for StoneLion, and works as a puppet

builder and costume designer for professional theaters. Heather has also been a Kansas City Art Institute Continuing Education Teacher and taught Puppetry and Costume at Kansas City Kansas Community College.

She holds a Bachelor of Theater Arts degree from Boise State University and earned a Certificate of Theatre at the University of Dublin, Trinity College.

List of Resources:

Books:
Fairy Tales of Hans Christian Andersen
By Hans Christian Andersen

Polar Explorers for Kids: Historic Expeditions to the Arctic and Antarctic
By Maxine Snowden

Online Resources:
<http://www.stonelionpuppets.org/index.html>
<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/animals/creaturefeature/emperor-penguin/>

<http://astro.uchicago.edu/cara/southpole.edu/>

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Vocabulary

Character: A person portrayed in an artistic piece, such as a drama or novel.

Emperor Penguin: The largest species of penguin (*Aptenodytes forsteri*). It has a yellow patch on each side of the head and rears its young during the Antarctic winter.

Walrus: A large gregarious marine mammal (*Odobenus rosmarus*), having two large downward-pointing tusks and found in the Arctic Ocean.

Polar Bear: A large white arctic bear (*Thalarctos maritimus*) that lives

mainly on the pack ice. It is a strong swimmer and feeds mostly on seals.

Musical: A play or movie in which singing and dancing play an essential part. Musicals developed from light opera in the early 20th century.

Narrator: A person who delivers commentary accompanying art, music, novels, movies, etc.

South Pole: The southern end of the earth's axis of rotation, a point in Antarctica.

Post-Performance Activities

1. Assign students to choose an animal from the South Pole that they have to write their own story about using one of the character traits they learn.
2. Watch the movie "March of the Penguins".
3. Take kids to the library and allow them to go through the Hans Christian Andersen website, <http://andersenfairytale.com/en/main>. This website has information about Mr. Andersen and other tales in an animated form.