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Presents

Troubadour Theater Company's

Funky Punks
in
Bright Ideas

Written and Directed by **Joseph Leo Bwarie**

Based on the **FUNKY PUNKS** originally created by **Matt Walker**
and the **Troubadour Theater Company**

OPENS Saturday, Sept. 24th, 2005 @ 1pm

Look out! Those comic merry-makers are back with a bunch of "bright ideas" when they squeeze the three ring circus into their living room. **Troubadour Theater Company's** Funky Punks will charm and delight audiences of all ages with their colorful antics, boisterous physicality and madcap audience participation. Mixing-up vaudeville, slapstick, and traditional clowning, *Bright Ideas* is jam-packed with music, dance, tricks and flips, all in one blowout show you won't want to miss. ***Funky Punks in Bright Ideas***. This show is electric!

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Joseph Leo Bwarie (Director / Playwright) Joe's involvement with the acclaimed Troubadour Theater Company began as a performer in 2003's *It's A Stevie Wonderful Life* after having seen the company's rousing children's show *Funky Punks' Circus Spectacular*. He then assisted Troubadour's Artistic Director, Matt Walker in the Falcon Theatre production of *Snoopy!* while performing in *The Comedy of Aerosmith*. With collaborators Lori Marshall and Rachael Lawrence, Joe has taken us to a magical, tropical island in the original musical *Thumbelina*, a western township in *The Root Beer Bandits: A Rootin' Tootin' Wild West Musicales*, an enchanted fairytale forest in *Rapunzel*, and back in time to the 70's in *Cindy And The Disco Ball*. Other favorite Falcon children's shows include: the storybook comedy *3 Little Pigs* and the spooky, kooky *Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. Joe holds a BFA in Theatre from Emerson College in Boston and writes and directs in the Los Angeles area.

Troubadour Theater Company is celebrating a decade of laughs in their tenth anniversary year. Los Angeles' renowned ensemble of actors, comedians, and musicians has performed throughout southern California since 1995. Their fast-paced, laugh-filled, "adaptations" of classic plays, as well as their original works and hilarious sketch material, make Troubadour a unique and exciting experience for theater-goers of any age. Troubadour has performed at Hollywood's Ford Amphitheatre and Matrix Theatre, Burbank's Falcon Theatre, Santa Monica's Miles Playhouse, the Ojai Shakespeare Festival, the San Francisco Fringe Festival, the Adelaide Fringe Festival (Australia) and in Hailey, Idaho in conjunction with Company of Fools at the Liberty Theatre.

Funky Punks combine Commedia dell'Arte, circus skills, and vaudeville with improvisation, colorful characters, and zany audience participation for the whole family. After veteran Ringling Bros. clowns Matt Walker and Tina Aguirre Groff returned from the circus, Troubadour adopted these new circus skills and presented *Clowns Labours Lost*. Upon completing a most successful run, L.A. Drama Critics Circle Award-winning director Matt Walker launched the Troubadour Theater Company's "Funky Punks," a branch of the company designed specifically to entertain young audiences. With sold-out performances at the Ford Amphitheatre (Hollywood), the Miles Playhouse (Santa Monica), the Falcon Theatre (Burbank), the Road Theatre (NoHo Arts District), the Liberty Theatre (Hailey, Idaho), in addition to the Strawberry Festival in Garden Grove and the Adelaide Fringe Festival in Adelaide, Australia, the Funky Punks are loved by audiences and critics alike. Past shows include: *Funky Punks with Junk in Their Trunks* and *Funky Punks' Circus Spectacular*.

Bright Ideas stars Funky Punks: Timothy Groff, Tina Aguirre Groff, Beth Kennedy, Andy Lopez, Rory O'Malley, Brienne Pedigo, Michael Sulprizio, Dan Waskom, Corey Lynn Womack and Simon Yin.

WHEN:	OPENS	Saturday, Sept. 24th, 2005
	RUNS THRU	Sunday, November 13th, 2005
	PERFORMANCES	Saturdays at 1pm & 3pm, Sundays at 1pm
	PRICES	KIDS \$10, Adults (13+) \$12

*** Additional information at www.falcontheatre.com. ***

THE FALCON THEATRE is located at 4252 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, in Burbank.

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