



Quick Reference

Children's Event
The Little Prince

Date
Sun, Apr 30, 2 pm

Place
Jorgensen Center
for the Performing Arts
2132 Hillside Road
UConn campus, Storrs, CT

Tickets
\$24 Adults, \$22 Children

Box Office
860.486.4226
Mon–Fri, 10 am–5 pm

The Box Office window is also open for walk-up ticket sales 90 minutes before showtime.

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SWAZZLE PUPPETEERS BRING *THE LITTLE PRINCE* TO LIFE AT JORGENSEN

Sun, Apr 30, 2017, 2:00 pm

The renowned Swazzle puppeteers will bring the heartwarming story of *The Little Prince* to life on Sunday afternoon, April 30 at UConn's Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts. Based on the much-beloved children's book by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, the enchanting production features a cast of lovable puppets, live actors, original music, and magnificently designed sets to transport a cast of lovable puppets, live actors, original music, and magnificently designed sets to transport audience members young and old to fantastical worlds where they will meet whimsical characters and, through the eyes of the Little Prince, gain precious insights into love, loss, and laughter. The hour-long performance takes place in Jorgense's intimate chamber setting, which allows perfect viewing for even the smallest audience member. Soda and candy bars are available for purchase when doors open at 1:30 pm. Show begins at 2:00 pm.

Written in 1943, *The Little Prince* is based on St. Exupéry's life as an aviator before and during World War II and his relationship with his wife. Masquerading as a children's story, the novella is filled with wise observations about love and life. The book has sold over 150 million copies in almost 300 languages. Its impact is seen around the universe, from two asteroids and one moon named for its characters, to a Japanese Little Prince museum and a South Korean Little Prince sculpture garden. The story has been the inspiration for operas, symphonies, musicals, plays, movies, television shows and cartoons. The Swazzle production of *The Little Prince* features a script adapted for the stage by Rick Cummins and John Scoullar.

About Swazzle: Founded in 2004 by twin brothers Sean and Patrick Johnson, Swazzle is a Glendale-based company specializing in puppetry for film, television and the stage. Together with their troupe of professional puppeteers, they have performed hundreds of shows in venues across California. In addition to their repertoire of original puppet productions, Swazzle has created puppets for *The Pee-wee Herman Show* on Broadway, Disney Theatrical and kids' musician Riff Rockit. Their production of *Dreamcarver* toured the U.S. in the 2013-15 seasons.

About Producer Patrick Johnson, Producer/Director Sean Johnson: Twin brothers Sean and Patrick Johnson have been producing live puppet productions for family audiences for nearly 20 years. They collaborate on every aspect of the creative process, from designing and building to performing and directing.

Sean and Patrick have puppeteered on the Disney feature films *The Muppets* and *Muppets Most Wanted*, a special holiday episode of *The Simpsons* featuring guest star Katy Perry, Ben Folds Five's Fraggles-starring music video, and numerous other TV shows and movies. They have also trained puppeteers at the Jim Henson Company and built puppets for Jim Henson's Creature Shop.

For additional information please visit <http://swazzle.com/tag/the-little-prince>.

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Jorgensen was voted Best College or University Performing Arts Center in the *Hartford Courant's* CTNow, as well as *Connecticut Magazine's* Best of Performing Arts Venues (College) for 2016. Established in December of 1955, Jorgensen has grown to become the largest college-based presenting program in New England. Each season Jorgensen enriches the lives of students, faculty, staff, and area residents with 30 to 35 diverse performances from nationally and internationally acclaimed artists and ensembles ranging from classical music to world music and dance, classical ballet and contemporary dance, comedy, family programming, and contemporary entertainment. Dedicated to University of Connecticut president Albert N. Jorgensen, Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts continues to follow his vision of the University as the state's educational and cultural leader.

Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts is located at 2132 Hillside Road on the UConn campus in Storrs. Tickets are available now online. Adults - \$24; Children & Students - \$22.

For tickets and information, call the Box Office at 860.486.4226, Monday through Friday, 10 am - 5 pm, and 90 minutes prior to events, or order online at jorgensen.uconn.edu. Convenient \$5 event parking is available in the North Garage. Free parking is available in Lots 9, F, and L. For a detailed parking map, go to park.uconn.edu.

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