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Family ArtVentures! Continue . . .

Douglasville, Georgia – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County continues **its Family ArtVentures!** program in the next few weeks.

Family ArtVentures! is a new program designed to introduce performing artists into the schools with curricula-based programs, followed by an appearance at a public event for children and adults alike to enjoy. **Family ArtVentures!** began last month with performances by the Piccadilly Puppet Company at Eastside, Burnett and Arbor Station Elementary Schools.

Scheduled next is Atlanta-based professional storyteller, educator, actor and writer, Barry Stewart Mann. Mann brings a vibrant honesty and caring playfulness to his performances and workshops, delighting audiences and inspiring students. With an M.F.A. in Theatre from the University of San Diego, and a graduate of Harvard University, Mann has performed throughout the country at festivals, libraries, schools, camps, and led classes, workshops and residencies with groups of all ages and backgrounds. He is a member of the National Storytelling Network, the Southern Order of Storytellers, and Actors Equity Association.

Mann will be performing two shows and one workshop, all for different grades at New Manchester Elementary School on Monday, February 22 at the following times, for the following grades:

8:30 second grade ***“Who Put the Fizz in My Pop?”*** *Stories About the People and Science Behind Stuff We Love (Assembly) – A lively and interactive program exploring the stories behind soda, popcorn, fireworks and TV, featuring prominent picture books plenty of interaction. (Addresses 2nd Grade Science Standards.)*

10:30 first grade ***“STEAM Stories”*** - *An interactive workshop featuring world folktales that convey and illustrate scientific concepts, including constellations, animal groupings and architecture, presented with puppets and opportunities for participation.*

11:30 third grade ***“Who Put the Fizz in My Pop?”*** *repeat performance.*

The public component for Barry Stewart Mann is his free Saturday March 5th performance of ***“Smarty Barty’s Arty Party”*** at 4pm at the O’Neal Plaza stage in downtown Douglasville. *This 1-hour show features stories about the arts, including selections from Dr. Seuss and Shel Silverstein.*

“The first reactions to **Family ArtVentures!** have been resoundingly positive. The goal is to introduce children to the joys of the arts, to show how the arts can animate the learning process, and to provide opportunities for children and their parents and guardians to share enjoyable arts experiences together,” said Davina Grace Hill, Executive Director of the Cultural Arts Council.

Funding to make **Family ArtVentures!** possible comes from the GreyStone Power Foundation, a grant from the Georgia Council for the Arts’ “Vibrant Communities” program, and the Douglas County School System.

Barry Stewart Mann will be followed by singer/songwriter Julie Austin in March, and both TellTale Theatre and The Story Ship’s multi-media program in April. Future shows running through the summer and early fall are still being finalized.

For more information about **Family ArtVentures!** please contact CAC at 770-949-2787 or at directorartsdouglas@earthlink.net.

The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/ Douglas County, located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia, is open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions or more information, visit www.artsdouglas.org or contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770-949-2787.



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The mission of the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is to nurture, guide and stimulate the enjoyment of and participation in the arts among Douglas County residents by providing an atmosphere conducive to the arts, broadening the spectrum of quality exhibits and performances available to the community, and fostering individual interactions with the arts through a wide range of satellite groups. The programs and activities of the Cultural Arts Council are supported in part by the City of Douglasville and the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.