

# Birgitta DePree

## Touring Shows

### Shake It Up

Shakespeare gets turned upside down and inside out in this hilarious romp through the Bard's land of language. Laugh out loud as classical comedienne Birgitta De Pree and Hannah Rockey reconstruct the Comedies and Tragedies for children of all ages.

### Museum of Dreams

This delightful fantasy is brought to life with humor, surprise and riveting storytelling. Birgitta recreates the magical world of a mischievous ghost haunting the local Pioneers Museum. With a mere touch of her hand this remarkable girl unlocks the stories of the many treasures kept in the museum. Old hats, bags, trunks and cases contain stories of the Ute, the pioneers, the miners and the frontier women who settled the West. This heartwarming tale is a laugh filled introduction to the exciting world of Colorado history.



**BIRGITTA DE PREE** is a professional actor and educator whose work includes performing, writing, directing and teaching. She received her MFA from the National Theater Conservatory and performs in theaters throughout the US. Creating new shows is one of her greatest joys. Her Premiere performance of "Stealing Sugar" won her a nomination for Best Actress in 2006. In 2008 she and husband, Jim Jackson won the PPAC award for Best Original Production (*Signature*) and Best Local Actor and Actress from the Gazette "Best of the Springs". Birgitta works extensively as an artist-in-residence throughout Colorado and believes that creating a place for theater is one of the best ways anyone could spend their time.

### The Emperor's New Clothes... & Other Ugly Ducks

An hilarious adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's best loved fairytales complete with silly emperors, rascally weavers, wild swans, brave princesses and flying trunks. Birgitta De Pree captivates audiences young and old in this uproarious comedy where even the audience helps make up their very own fairy tale.



### Elephant!

Journey along on a theatrical safari and be amazed as unforgettable characters, remarkable elephants and surprising events come to life through the physical comedy and remarkable storytelling of Birgitta De Pree. Weaving poignant, true-life accounts of elephants with childhood memories of Africa, Birgitta reveals the power of "story" - both our own and of those majestic pachyderms.



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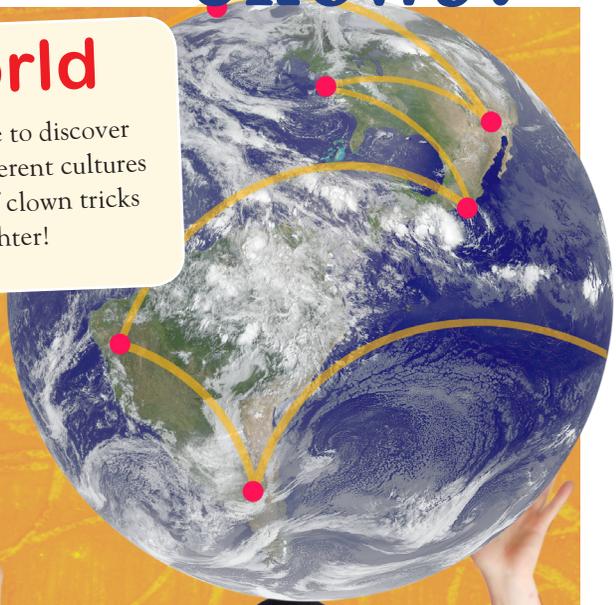
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# Jim Jackson

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## Clown Around the World

Mr Guffaw (Jim Jackson) sets out on an around the world adventure to discover what makes us laugh. Along the way we meet clowns from many different cultures and periods of time. Masks, mime, magic, juggling and a giant bag of clown tricks introduce audiences of all ages to our spinning globe of laughter!



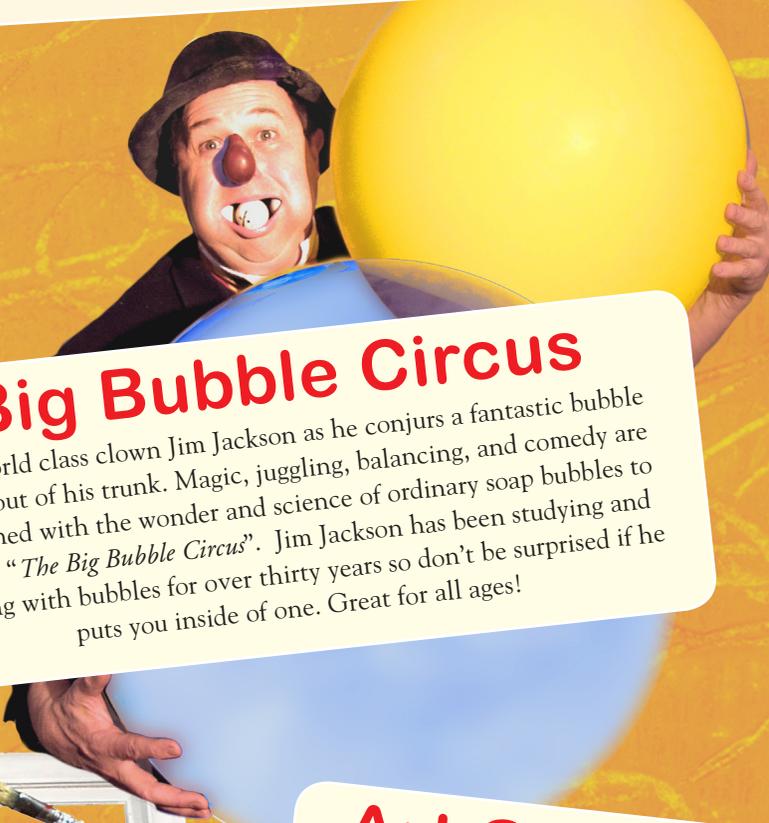
## Busker & Me

Welcome to the adventures of "Busker" the circus dog! Years ago Jim Jackson traveled with the Hoxie Bros. Circus as a clown and juggler. His constant companion was the Jack Russell terrier "Busker" who was known "*as a pretty good dog, but not a great dog*". Drawing on years of adventures of all ages laughing out loud at the impossible antics of "*one bad dog*".



## Big Bubble Circus

Join world class clown Jim Jackson as he conjurs a fantastic bubble circus out of his trunk. Magic, juggling, balancing, and comedy are combined with the wonder and science of ordinary soap bubbles to create "*The Big Bubble Circus*". Jim Jackson has been studying and working with bubbles for over thirty years so don't be surprised if he puts you inside of one. Great for all ages!



## Art Guffaw

Join Mr. Art Guffaw as he unravels the mysteries of fine art in a magical studio where the easels speak, the drawings come to life and the paintings dance. With a little help from Van Gogh and Picasso, master clown Jim Jackson creates a circus of ART that inspires us to look at the world with the eyes of an artist. From the Philadelphia Museum of Art to the Edinburgh Children's Festival audiences have roared with laughter at the antics of this would be painter.



**JIM JACKSON** has been a professional clown and actor for over thirty years and has performed throughout the world in circus and theater. A long time resident of Manitou Springs, Colorado, he and his wife, Birgitta De Pree, co-founded the Manitou Art Theater in 2001. Jim enjoys collecting and creating junk, loves to paint and draw and now has another terrier named "Tati" who is even more badly behaved than "Busker".

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