## Center for Puppetry Arts

## Family Series Performance

## Charlotte's Web

Based on the book by E.B. White Adapted by Joseph Robinette **April 4 – May 21** 

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## Center for Puppetry Arts

Beth Schiavo, Executive Director & Jon Ludwig, Artistic Director present

### Charlotte's Web Cast

By E.B. White; Adapted by Joseph Robinette Directed by Tim Sweeney

## **Puppeteers**

- Dolph Amick Wilbur
- Nikolas Carleo Arable, Homer, Templeton
- Anna Williford Fern. Goose
- Kristin Storla Charlotte
- Barry Westmoreland Lurvey, Sheep, Gander, President of the Fair

#### Crew

- Understudy Amy Sweeney
- Stage Manager Ari Jerome and Brandon McGrue

- Music composed and performed by Brien Engel
- Narration by Veronica Byrd
- Scenic Designer Kat Conley
- Puppet Designer Jason Hines
- Lighting Designer Liz Lee
- Sound Designer Gregory Montague and Mimi Epstein

Produced by special arrangement with DRAMATIC PUBLISHING, Woodstock, Illinois.

#### Center Production Staff

- Resident Puppet Builder Jason Hines
- Resident Stage Manager Ari Jerome
- Technical Director Jeremy Villines
- Assoc. Technical Director Chris Moneymaker
- Master Electrician William Harmon
- Producer Therese Aun
- Assistant Producer Reay Maxwell

## Note from Director, Tim Sweeney:

A true friend is a rare and beautiful thing. To share part of your life, for however long, with someone you truly connect with, who's got your back through thick and thin, who loves you - warts and all, is one of life's greatest joys. Charlotte's Web is such an enduring classic because it shares this joy through the remarkable story of Wilbur and Charlotte's unlikely friendship. It also shares the sorrow of loss and reminds us to cherish the time we have with those we hold dear. Like the unassuming Wilbur, this story brings us something profound wrapped up in something humble--the story of animals in a barnyard. Charlotte's Web has been produced many times over the years at the Center. Having worked here for several of those productions, I have history with this show both as a performer and as a director. It holds a special place in my heart because it's the rare children's show that is also a real drama. We always strive for honesty and immediacy in our performances at the Center; that is especially important in Charlotte's Web because of its poignancy. Of course, the other aspect that brings these characters to life on stage are the puppets, designed by Jason Hines. They are expressive, warm and welcoming, capturing the gentle homespun charm of the story. Thanks to all of our staff who have made this show possible and I hope you enjoy this "terrific" story.

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