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**SUBJECT: FRED GARBO'S INFLATABLE THEATRE CO. AT JASPER ARTS CENTER**

What do colorful flying cubes, a dog as big as Clifford and a ballerina all have in common? They will all be appearing on stage in the upcoming production of *Fred Garbo's Inflatable Theatre Co.* at the Jasper Arts Center on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 p.m.

This final production in the 2014-2015 Family Fun Series will have audience members of all ages roaring with laughter at the antics of Inflatable Man, the walking cube, and the beautiful ballerina with the giant dress. Music and jokes, slapstick and pantomime create the scene for an afternoon of fun and games in this outstanding production.

Founder Fred Garbo brings his love of theatre from his experience as the acrobat inside the Barkley the Dog costume for Sesame Street to the juggler in Broadway's Barnum. He's traveled the world with MOMIX, appeared on late night TV, and has entertained audiences everywhere with his original inflatable creations. His current creations came about when he was taking a break from theatre by practicing sky diving. Garbo quickly realized that the parachute fabric would be perfect to create inflatable costumes so, with the help of a balloonist friend, he created the character Fred Zeplin who is a human beach ball who can bounce. The ideas for new characters and vignettes haven't stopped since.

Garbo met ballerina Daielma Santos on a flight to Brazil. When she saw the show, she insisted on trying on the inflatable suit and, since then, her athletic grace and radiant charm have been an integral part of the company's success. Born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Santos' training includes studies at the Royal Academy of Dance in London and Michigan University with director Tony Montanaro. As a

founding member of the group, Santos' choreography combines world-class artistry and technical brilliance with theatrical humor. She is currently taking some family time to raise her child but remains an integral part of company.

Molly Gawler is the dancer who will be appearing in this production. Originally trained in ballet, she has expanded her horizons to also include modern and improvisational studies. A graduate of SUNY Purchase Conservatory of Dance, Gawler has worked in New York City and traveled the world with the production of *Shadowland*. When in her home state of Maine, she plays fiddle, banjo and sings in the Gawler Family Band. She has been dancing and traveling with Fred Garbo's Inflatable Theatre Company since 2013.

There will only be one performance on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 p.m. Order your tickets now by calling the Jasper Arts Center right away at (812) 482-3070. Prices are \$15 for adults and seniors and \$8 for students and children.

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