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Ogden – What do a cat, a rose, and a turtle all have in common? The answer is they all play an important part in the 2010-11 productions of the *Treehouse Troupe*. The Cat takes the stage first in a revival of the 2007 production of *Puss in Boots*. Written and directed by Wes Whitby, the Treehouse Program Coordinator, this tale of a clever cat who makes his master's fortune is full of fun and surprises.

The rose starts the action in the second play of the season, *Beauty and her Beast*, when Beauty's father ventures into the Beast's garden to pluck the rose for his daughter. Written by Lynne Goodwin, Treehouse's Executive Director, *Beauty and her Beast* features lavish costumes and sets and shares a message about what is truly beautiful.

And, the turtle leads the fisherman to what he thinks is his heart's desire in a retelling of the Japanese fairy tale of *The Fisherman*, written for Treehouse by Rob Goodwin. *The Fisherman* journeys to a magical undersea kingdom that will be exciting and different to stage in the Treehouse theater.

"Like all good fairy tales, these three plays explore some big ideas on the way to a happy ending," says Lynne. "These *Troupe* productions will give families an opportunity to talk about those ideas during the question and answer session we traditionally do after the play. We'll still take a couple of audience questions and reveal some of our staging tricks, but we're going to ask the audience to think about some of the deeper ideas behind the story with us. It's going to be a lot of fun."

As in the past, *Troupe* productions run in November, January, and March on Saturday nights. *Puss in Boots* will run in November, *Beauty* in January, and *The Fisherman* in March. Shows will start at 6 p.m. this year and will last about an hour, including the audience discussion at the end. "Because we are able to start earlier, we can even do a 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. show if we sell out, which will allow even more families enjoy the fun of the *Troupe* productions," added Lynne.

Tickets for the *Troupe* productions are very inexpensive, thanks to a generous grant from R.A.M.P., with a season pass available to member families, which includes tickets for the children and adults in a family, for only \$25. Individual tickets are \$4 for members and \$6 for non members for both children and adults. R.A.M.P. stands for Recreation Arts Museums and Parks tax in Weber County that is only 1 penny on each \$10 purchase in the county. Those pennies add up and grants from R.A.M.P. help nonprofit museums like Treehouse provide quality programs and exhibits. *Troupe* plays are recommended for children ages three and up. Tickets are available online at the Treehouse website, www.treehousemuseum.org starting Thursday, October 14.



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Treehouse Children's Museum Publishes *Mapping Utah: A Guide to the Floor Map at Treehouse*

Ogden – Lots of visitors to Treehouse Museum have asked if the Museum would publish a poster of its giant *Mapping Utah* exhibit – hoping to take some form of the the informative map home with them. Instead, the staff at Treehouse decided to do even more than that: publish a book based on the exhibit. Compiled and edited by Michael Goodwin, original artist of the exhibit, the book features the art from the *Mapping Utah* exhibit and photographs of the 160 places, people, and events featured on the *Map*. Now available at the Treehouse Welcome Desk, the book is titled *Mapping Utah* and sells for \$14.95. Treehouse Members, as always, receive a discount on the book and on all items for sale at the Welcome Desk. The *Mapping Utah* guide makes a great gift for a favorite teacher, 4th or 7th grade student, or any Utah enthusiast. Visitors to Treehouse can explore a copy of the guide at the *Mapping Utah* exhibit.

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