

# Alabama Symphony to join Birmingham Children's Theatre Production of Peter and the Wolf

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It's been 5 years since the symphony performed with [Birmingham Children's Theatre](#) and the **wait is over**. On March 10th and March 17th at 2pm, Birmingham Children's Theatre will perform the story of [Peter and the Wolf](#) accompanied by 44 members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra. In this adaptation of the popular children's story, characters like the duck, wolf and cat are represented by instruments.

This lively and beautifully orchestrated production is brought to life through puppetry – not your average hand puppets though. BCT engaged puppet-designer [Lisa Sturz](#) to construct the large puppets used to 'act' out this story. Sturz is a national expert in the field of puppetry with 30 years of experience and clients including Disney, Jim Henson Production and LucasFilm. The production utilizes 6-7 puppets (the wolf is awesome but we've been sworn to secrecy) which are operated by 8 actors/handlers. The puppeteers spent a week in training with Sturz before hitting the stage and several actors have worked with puppets in the past. Their experience showed during a recent rehearsal as two young actors worked diligently to perfect the movement of the frightened cat climbing a wall.

The show is directed by Dane Peterson with assistant director, Leah Luker. Peterson and Luker bring exceptional talent to BCT and the Birmingham theatre community. It was a treat to watch them coordinate movement on stage with each measure and note from the musical score.

The puppets and the scene are beautiful, the movement is expertly choreographed and the music will absolutely fill the room. Moreover, your children will be mesmerized while, at the same time, learning about a range of instruments and sound demonstrated by the animals. Study guides for the show can be found on [BCT website](#).

Details: [Peter & the Wolf at Birmingham Children's Theatre](#), Mainstage at the BJCC. Tickets can be purchased [online](#) for \$10 (children) or \$12 (adults). The public performances are 2pm on March 10th and March 17th. Parking for Birmingham Children's Theatre is available for \$8 in the parking lot directly across from the 19th street entrance.