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Emperor's New Clothes, June 4, 2011

Press Release

Chamber Music Amici and Eugene Ballet to perform "The Emperor's New Clothes"

Short Version

What: Peter Schickele's "The Emperor's New Clothes," performed by Chamber Music Amici and Eugene Ballet, and Hans Christian Anderson's "The Emperor's New Clothes."

When: 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm, Saturday, June 4, 2011.

Where: Richard E. Wildish Community Theater, 630 Main Street, Springfield, Oregon

Who: Amy Goeser Kolb, oboe; Nathalie Fortin, piano; Steven Pologe, cello; Sharon Schuman, violin; Leslie Straka, viola; Sandy Naishtat, narrator; Ben Goodman, choreographer; 5 dancers from Eugene Ballet; William Hulings as Hans Christian Anderson.

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Long Version

Chamber Music Amici, the first resident company of the Richard E. Wildish Community Theater in Springfield, with sold-out concerts since 2009, will perform Peter Schickele's "The Emperor's New Clothes" on June 4, 2011. Peter Schickele is better known as P. D. Q. Bach for his musical spoofs. On June 4, Hans Christian Anderson (actor William Hulings) will tell the original story, and then help Chamber Music Amici and Eugene Ballet present Peter Schickele's hilarious musical update. His version of "The Emperor's New Clothes" calls for five musicians and a narrator: Amy Goeser Kolb, oboe; Nathalie Fortin, piano; Steven Pologe, cello; Sharon Schuman, violin; Leslie Straka, viola; and Sandy Naishtat, narrator.

Amici has commissioned the Eugene Ballet to create an original ballet for this project, choreographed by Ben Goodman. It will include five dancers acting out the Emperor's predicament. There are two performances on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm in the Wildish Theater. Tickets, \$15 general, \$5 students, are at 541-953-9204 and at chambermusicamici.org.