



The Real Stories of The Brothers Grimm

"We tried hard to keep the spirit of the Brothers Grimm alive, bringing their stories to audiences today just as they strove to do. In these plays, we have everything from silly stories to tales of grave darkness in pieces that run from just a few minutes to over half an hour. There is quite literally something for everyone here. One of my great joys putting together and producing the shows was seeing audiences realize what these folk tales really are -- to see them react to the true, wonderful, strange, and rich world that the Brothers actually recorded, not the watered down versions they thought they knew. It's difficult to fully imagine the era the stories come from. The Brothers' first edition of their book of stories came out the same year of Napoleon's disastrous retreat from Waterloo, but thanks to them, we can feel some of the joys, sorrows, and fears the people of the time felt.

I produced three different shows of Grimm tales over three years. Now, we present these plays here to you, and I sincerely hope you continue on with the storytelling that started so long ago. You can do an evening of dark tales, light fables, or a mixture of both as we did, not letting the audience know what was coming. We even did shows for adults in the evening with both the light and dark material, and then we'd take the lighter half of the show and put it on for children for weekend matinees. You have a lot to choose from. The order of the stories printed here is not random. The tales get darker, more adult, and more serious as they go. Pick what you want and go!"
- George Larkin, Producer

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