

Press Release for the Granpa Cratchet Stage Show
“Right In The Kisser” teaching the golden rule

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Headline: Granpa Cratchet’s Show Is Golden

It’s time for a trip down memory lane to the days of yesteryear for a visit with everybody’s favorite off the wall, totally wired, high energy old timer, Granpa Cratchet. Kids love to meet and hug Granpa, and they can do just that, coming up at the _____(name of event)_____.

Your whole family will love the Granpa Cratchet show, just part of this year’s great entertainment line up. Kids love Granpa’s fast paced silliness and high energy off the wall antics and even his really silly jokes.

Granpa’s creator, Sam Bowman, who grew up with his grandfather on the family farm in Indiana, thinks it’s the Granpa puppet that first draws the children. Bowman said, “It’s the Granpa look and then the Granpa outlook. I gave him the name Cratchet because he’s kind of a get in your face cratchety old man. Really he’s a mix of my favorite TV characters from when I was growing up in the fifties. He’s a little of Red Skelton, Micky Roonie, Roy Rogers, Caption Kangaroo, Jackie Gleason and The Three Stooges all mixed together.”

Granpa also has all of the soft qualities a Granpa should have; he’s kind, loving and always wants a hug. He’s a kid at heart and will do just about anything a kid would do and the kids certainly identify and connect with this character.

If it’s the Granpa personality that attracts the kids, it’s the slapstick comedy, and audience participation, that holds the kids. It’s a treat just to watch them as they talk to

Granpa and yell out during the show, helping Granpa chase the dog, or Granma catch her critters.

However, this show isn't just for kids. Grown ups love the show as well because it's a trip down memory lane. Bowman has mixed a lot of the good ole days and the outlook of that era into Granpa and his show. Parents enjoy catching snippets of their own childhood as they watch Granpa mix it up with Granma, their dog Fuzzball and a host of other country critters. Granpa says, "I just love trips down memory lane. That is if I can remember where the lane is." Then he belly laughs, which he does at all his own jokes.

When the kids visit the general store they always get a lesson since Granpa is a teacher at heart. This show, one of six that Bowman's company produces for the Granpa Cratchet tours, teaches the Golden Rule; treat other's the way you want to be treated.

In the course of things Granpa gets aggravated with Granma, forgets the Golden Rule and decides to get even with her for teaching the dog to kiss him on the face. So he turns loose all the critters to eat Granma's candies, goodies and treats. In the end Granpa says if you forget the golden rule your liable to get a taste of your own medicine, which is exactly what happens when his pet skunk sprays him right in the kisser.

After the show Granpa comes down to the front door to meet all the kids one on one, which Bowman says is his favorite part of the show. At the front door Granpa sends his Golden Rule message home with the kids on a DVD of the show or in one of his Fun Packs and everyone always gets a hug.

Kids can visit Granpa any time on line at www.oldcoot.com and remember, you can see his big show live at ___(name of event)___ coming up this ___(Dates of event)____. This show will be a big hit for the whole family.