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***COMEDIAN GEIST OPENS 2008-09 FAMILY MATINÉE SERIES ON OCTOBER 4TH***

***MINI-SUBSCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE***

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(Elmer, NJ September 12, 2008) September is not only back-to-school month, it's also a time to look ahead to great indoor entertainment. Beginning October 4, **Appel Farm Arts and Music Center** welcomes families to the Saturday afternoon (2:00 PM) **Family Matinée Series**. Comedy, music, puppetry, theatre, musicals and more make up the eclectic season that runs through March 28, 2009. Opening with visual comedian **Geist**, performances include audience favorites **Tuckers' Tales *Three Bears***, **Running Rabbit Family Theatre's *The Velveteen Rabbit*** and **TheatreWorks USA's *Max & Ruby***. Singer **John Flynn**, who has appeared many times on the Peabody Award-winning show "Kid's Corner," performs from his acclaimed CDs *Love Takes a Whole Box of Crayons* and *A Manatee Sneezed on Me*, and **Jim West's *Dinosaurs!*** mixes fun and facts about everyone's favorite prehistoric creatures. The season concludes with the premiere of **Pushcart Players' *Happily Ever After-A Cinderella Story***. Tickets range from \$7.00-\$9.00, and a mini-subscription for 3 different shows is available for \$18.00.

The season opens on October 4 with **Geist**, a self-described 12-year-old trapped in the body of a 36-year-old man. Outlandish visual comedy will transform the stage into a whirlwind of energy as Geist combines his unique blend of vaudevillian skills that include zany movements, props, masks, plate spinning, juggling, physical comedy and lots of audience involvement. Sound, lights, action and buffoonery are in store with this truly entertaining show.

Geist has been performing his one-man show for 17 years and has been featured at the International Children's Festival in Virginia, the National Theatre's Family Series in Washington, DC, and the Goodwill Games in New York, among other venues throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. Audiences can see a clip of this uproarious

comedian by visiting [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and typing “Wacky Waiter” in the search field.

### **Ticket prices and Dates of Performances**

**\$8.00 Geist** (October 4, 2:00 PM)

**\$7.00 The Three Bears** (November 8)      **John Flynn** (November 22)

**\$9.00 Max & Ruby** (December 6)      **Dinosaurs!** (February 21, 2009)

**\$9.00 The Velveteen Rabbit** (March 14, 2009)

**\$9.00 Happily Ever After- A Cinderella Tale** (March 28, 2009) (This performance will be open-captioned)

**Mini-Subscription** \$18 (3 tickets for 3 different shows)

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.appelfarm.org](http://www.appelfarm.org) or by calling Appel Farm at (800) 394-1211. Patrons with hearing or speech disabilities may call TRS (800) 852-7899 or dial 711. Appel Farm is accessible to patrons with disabilities. Individuals requiring assistance should contact the venue at (856) 358-2472.

### **Location**

Appel Farm Arts and Music Center, 457 Shirley Road, Elmer, NJ 08318 Centrally located in Salem County, Appel Farm is a convenient drive from Cherry Hill/Philadelphia, Wilmington and many areas of southern New Jersey.

### **About Appel Farm**

Appel Farm Arts and Music Center is a non-profit multidisciplinary regional arts center serving audiences, artists, and students. Programs include a residential summer arts camp, concerts, family matinees, a major outdoor music festival, and classes for children and adults, outreach in New Jersey public schools and a conference center. More information about Appel Farm can be found at [www.appelfarm.org](http://www.appelfarm.org) or by calling (856) 358-2472.

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