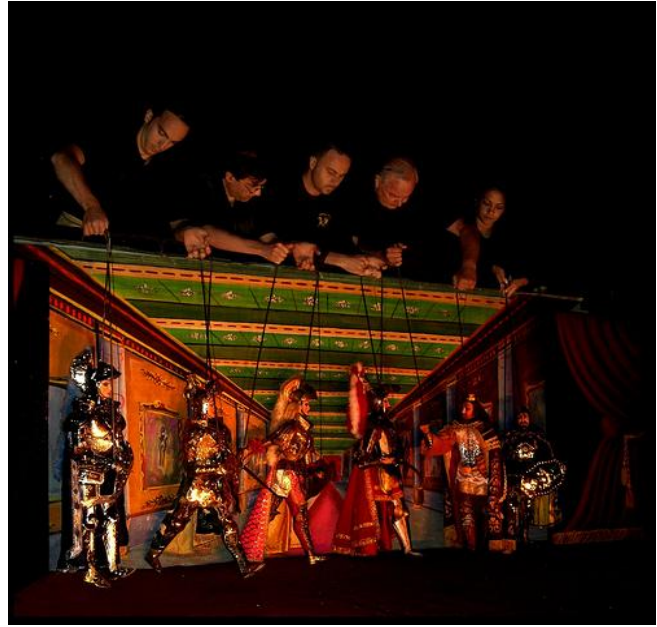




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One special performance of  
the famous  
Sicilian Puppet Theater

## **Teatro dei Pupi of Palermo**



**“The Liberation of Astolfo from the Alcina’s Island”**

**Sunday, April 18, 2010 - 2 P.M.**

**E. L. Wiegand Theater**

**Bishop Manogue Catholic High School**

Direct from Palermo, this colorful puppet show is full of magic and enchantment. Performed with 3-foot high wooden puppets by Mimmo Cuticchio and his historic company, these tales of sword battles, saving damsels and daring escapes from enchanted islands date back to 11<sup>th</sup> century Sicily. Originally based on clashes between Emperor Charlemagne’s Christian knights and the invading Saracens, puppet theaters became increasingly popular in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries as entertainment for nobility throughout Europe. The Sicilian marionette theater flourished during the 19<sup>th</sup> century and continues its traditional form of puppetry today.

Admission is free. For reservations, e-mail [events@arteitaliausa.com](mailto:events@arteitaliausa.com) or call 775-333-0313.

Approximate running time is 60 minutes. Performed in Italian with music by hand-cranked pianola.

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