

# The Selfish Giant

A Musical Telling of Oscar Wilde's Story!



**Touring Youth Performances**  
(for ages 3 - 13 years old)

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Two Chicago theater icons—Blair Thomas and singer-songwriter Michael Smith collaborate on this staging of an Oscar Wilde classic.

Original puppets and music tell the story of a grumpy old giant who forbids the children in his village from playing in his beautiful garden.

After the children are locked out, the trees and flowers refuse to grow and the garden plunges into an eternal winter. Then one morning, the children sneak back into the garden, bringing with them the joyous rebirth of spring.

The Selfish Giant was commissioned by the Chicago Children's Theater and the world premiere was presented by the Chicago Children's Theater January 2008.

**Duration: 45 minutes**

**Complete tech rider available upon request.**

### **Chicago Tribune - Recommended**

*"...As you listen to Smith you watch the visuals of Blair Thomas...for me, Chicago's premier visual-theater artist. Thomas' work is always best in an intimate setting like a side room at the Field Museum. And here, with the help of other designers, he creates a slew of mournful, whimsical puppets, tricks, animals and handmade motifs that appear from trunks, pages, hats, the sky. And, yep, the selfish giant looks selfish and giant."*

—Chris Jones

### **Chicago Sun Times - Highly Recommended**

*"...The hourlong show feeds on the considerable talents of Oscar Wilde (whose story is its inspiration); Michael Smith, the uniquely droll songwriter and hip balladeer behind the recent Victory Gardens hit "The Snow Queen," and Smith's partner on that show, master puppeteer Blair Thomas, who could be mistaken for a latter-day Hans Christian Andersen."*

—Hedy Weiss

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