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# ‘The Borrowers’ steals hearts with big story about little people

Imagine that you’re a twelfth of your size now. In other words: Imagine that you’re less than 6 inches tall.

This is the world that Arrietty Clock lives in, a world where she and the rest of her tiny family live on borrowed doll house furniture. And where the giants they have to hide from are us.

This is the world of “The Borrowers.” Mary Norton’s book for young people was first published in 1952 and won the Carnegie Medal for the Library Association. Norton also wrote four sequels.

“The Borrowers” has been made into three movies, a TV series and a 2012 Disney animated film called “The Secret of Arrietty.”

And now it’s being produced as the next show in the Springer Theatre for Young People Series.

“The Borrowers’ may be about little beings but it’s great for big imaginations,” said Lisa Cesnik, who is directing this show.

Cesnik frequently appears on the Springer stages. She is the founder of Rose of Athens Theatre in Athens and directed “Barefoot in the Park,” “The Complete History of America (abridged),” “The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged),” “Crimes of the Heart,” “Moonlight and Magnolias,” “The Odd Couple (2005),” “Tartuffe” and “Winnie The Pooh.”

“The Borrowers” will be performed in the McClure Theatre, the Springer’s second theatre, which is right behind and adjacent to the State Theatre of Georgia. Patrons enter the McClure Theatre from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, just north of the Springer.

In addition to lots of performances for school and homeschooled groups, "The Borrowers" will have public performances at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, March 13, 14, 20 and 21, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 15 and 22.

The school performances are almost completely booked up, but if you'd like to bring your school or homeschooled group to see a weekday performance call the Springer Theatre Academy offices at 706-324-1100 to get on a waiting list in case there's a cancellation.

For tickets or more information about public performances, call the Springer Box Office at 706-327-3688 or visit [springeroperahouse.org](http://springeroperahouse.org).