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Back by Royal Decree!

The Empress and Her New Clothes

A Fantastic Fashion Musical for Kids!

Book and Lyrics by **Lori Marshall** and **Joseph Leo Bwarie**

Music by **Rachael Lawrence**

Directed by **Joseph Leo Bwarie**

Re-OPENS Saturday, August 26th, 2006 @ 1pm
12 Performances Only!

The Falcon Theatre is proud to announce the special 4-week return engagement of its hit children's musical, *The Empress and Her New Clothes*, back by "royal decree!"

Break out your berets for a trip to **Paris, France!** This colorful clothing caper takes us to the "Passion for Fashion" competition for teenage clothing designers. *Ooh la la!* Empress Genevieve goes undercover, only to find that a pushy girl from Malibu has a sneaky trick up her sleeve. Things start to unravel when her clothing designs are stolen and "invisible" outfits dance down the runway in this **fashionable new musical!** *Sacré bleu!*

The cast features (in alphabetical order) **Joseph Leo Bwarie** (as 'Giorgino'), **Tom Hines** (as 'Marcus MacManus/Charles Whitaker'), **Beth Kennedy** (called "a scene-stealing hoot" by the *LA Times* for her performance as 'Madame Mauve/Greta'), **Christine Lakin** (as 'Alexis', currently in Falcon Theatre's production of *Happy Days* as 'Joanie Cunningham'), **Selah Victor** (as 'Empress Genevieve'), and **Phoebe the Chihuahua!**

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Joseph Leo Bwarie (Director / Playwright / 'Giorgino') With collaborators Lori Marshall and Rachael Lawrence, Joe has taken us to a magical, tropical island in the original musical *Thumbelina*, a western township in *The Root Beer Bandits: A Rootin' Tootin' Wild West Musicale*, an enchanted fairytale forest in *Rapunzel*, and back in time to the 1970s in *Cindy and the Disco Ball*. Other favorite Falcon children's shows include: the "little" big-top extravaganza *Funky Punks in Bright Ideas*, the storybook comedy *3 Little Pigs* and the spooky, kooky *Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. Joe holds a BFA in Theatre from Emerson College in Boston and works in LA as writer/director/performer.

Lori Marshall (Playwright) is pleased to be a returning author at the Falcon after writing adaptations of *Rapunzel*, *Snow Queen*, *Beanstalk*, *Rumpelstiltskin* and *Hansel & Gretel*. She also co-wrote the Falcon Theatre's productions of *Cindy and the Disco Ball*, *Thumbelina*, *The Root Beer Bandits: A Rootin' Tootin' Wild West Musicale* and *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* with Joseph Leo Bwarie. Lori earned her B.S. and M.S.J. degrees in journalism from Northwestern University's Medill School, and has contributed to six nonfiction books.

Rachael Lawrence (Composer) For the Falcon, Rachael has composed *Cindy and the Disco Ball*, *Thumbelina* and *The Root Beer Bandits: A Rootin' Tootin' Wild West Musicale*, and created music for *3 Little Pigs* and *Rapunzel*. Receiving her BA in Theatre Arts from USC, Rachael works as a musical director, composer and voice coach.

Tom Hines ('Marcus McManus/Charles Whitaker') was last seen at the Falcon Theatre as 'Sheriff Bailey' in *The Root Beer Bandits: A Rootin' Tootin' Wild West Musicale*. Previous film credits include *Raising Helen* and *Princess Diaries 2*. He can currently be seen in Scott Marshall's film, *Keeping Up With the Steins*.

Beth Kennedy ('Madame Mauve') received the Los Angeles Drama Critics' Circle Natalie Shaffer Award for Emerging Comic Actress. Her numerous theatre credits include frequent appearances with The Troubadour Theater Company in *Hamlet*, *the Artist Formerly Known as Prince of Denmark*, *Little Drummer Bowie*, *Funky Punks in Bright Ideas*, *The Comedy of Aerosmith*, *Santa Claus is Comin' to Motown*, and many more. She has also appeared on *Gilmore Girls* and *Judging Amy* and in the film *Greener Mountains*. She recently performed in Garry Marshall's production of *The Grand Duchess* at the Los Angeles Opera.

Christine Lakin ('Alexis') is best known for her role as 'Al' on *Step By Step*, and can be seen on MTV's *Wild 'N Out* and ABC's *Sons & Daughters*. Christine is currently playing 'Joanie Cunningham' in Falcon Theatre's production of *Happy Days: A Family Musical!* Other theater includes: *Cindy and the Disco Ball*, *Wrong Turn at Lungfish*, and the critically acclaimed new musical *The Breakup Notebook*. TV/Film: *The Cutting Edge II*, *Veronica Mars*, *Rodney*, *3rd Rock from the Sun*, *Boston Public*, *Whatever It Takes*, *Who's Your Daddy*.

Selah Victor ('Genna/Empress Genevieve') comes from a long line of fairy tale royalty including Storybook Theater's 'Beautiful Princess' in *Aladdin* and the 'Princess Carly' in *Rumpelstiltskin*, as well as 'Queen Esther' in the new musical *Esther*. Selah's voice can also be heard as the voice of 'Thumbelina' at the San Diego Zoo and in several children's books on tape.

WHEN:	Re-OPENS	Saturday, August 26th, 2006 at 1pm
	RUNS THRU	Sunday, September 17th, 2006 at 1pm
	PERFORMANCES	Saturdays at 1pm & 3pm, Sundays at 1pm
	PRICES	KIDS \$10, Adults (ages 13+) \$12

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