



### **Punch and Judy is the Subject of a Talk at the October 19th Meeting of the English-Speaking Union, Princeton Branch**

Prepare to be entertained and informed by Peter Smith's presentation on the British comedic puppet show, Punch and Judy. The talk will be held at the Center for Modern Aging - Princeton, 101 Poor Farm Road, Princeton, NJ, on Sunday, October 19th at 3:00 pm. Refreshments will follow. The cost of the program is \$10 to the public, and free to members.

Punch, a red-nosed, humpbacked rascal, his nagging wife, Judy, and a motley assortment of adversaries whom Punch battles with black humor and a big stick, have been regaling British audiences for over 300 years. Sunday's talk will discuss the history of Punch and his Italian roots, show a few of the puppets and props with photos, and give some sample dialogue. Audience participation will be encouraged!

Our presenter, Dr. Peter M. Smith is Scottish born and educated, and has lived in the USA for over 40 years, having worked in the pharmaceutical industry as a project manager. Peter learned the art of Punch and Judy in Brighton, England, as an apprentice to a "professor" (as the showman is called), and then established himself as a professor in his hometown of Aberdeen, Scotland. He brought his kit with him to the USA, where he continues to perform.

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