

THE TRAVELS OF UGLY THE EGG SHELL



This is the continuing saga of “Ugly, the Egg Shell” and his brothers and sisters and their many travels around the United States.



UGLY

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Beaky



Billy



Downy



Fluff

Ugly and his family were “born” in the summer of 2002 in Grand Rapids, MI. Their first appearance was in the **Circle Theatre’s** performances of the musical, “HONK!” in June 2002. This is where our story begins...

After a rigorous rehearsal and performance schedule where they performed beautifully, Ugly and his family were moved to the Circle Theatre’s space in a warehouse in Grand Rapids waiting for their next “trip”. Unbeknownst to them, Steve and Sandi Krupa had seen one of their performances in Grand Rapids and were pleading with the Board of Lakeland Players to allow Ugly and his family to be in their version of “HONK!” that would be performed in May 2003. Luckily, the Board agreed and Ugly and his family were adopted by Lakeland Players (LP) Community Theatre in Waterford, MI in the winter of 2003. LP definitely wanted them to appear in their upcoming production of “HONK!” and purchased them from the Circle Theatre.!

On May 2, 3, 9, & 10, 2003, Ugly and his family were surprised to find that they now had a new place to call home, a “nest” built by Roy Borgeson and Steve Krupa. That’s where they resided when they performed in “HONK!” when it was presented by **Lakeland Players** at Mason Middle School in Waterford, MI. From that day forward, their living accommodations became the nest at LP.

In August 14 – 16, 2003, Ugly and his family made the trek with their “nest” to the **Mid-Michigan Youth Theatre at Saginaw Valley State University** to star in “HONK!”. There Ugly and his family received a brand new paint job. Now they looked stunning!

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They returned in September to their permanent home at Summit Place Mall in Waterford.

In March 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 & 14, 2004, Ugly and his family and their nest appeared in "HONK!" at **Bloomfield Players** production at Andover High School in Bloomfield Hills, MI.

From there, they made the short trek up the road in May 2004 to **Our Lady of Refuge** in West Bloomfield, MI to star in "HONK!, Jr."

In July of 2004, they took a trip to **Cranbrook's Summer Theater Arts Camp** in Bloomfield, MI to participate in their version of "HONK!, Jr.". While visiting there, they received a new paint job! Gone were their shiny coats. They were now in pastel colors WITH SPOTS! Horrors!

November 2004 found Ugly and his family and their nest at **Walnut Ridge Middle School** in West Bloomfield for their production of "HONK!, Jr."

On March 19, 2006, Ugly and his family with the nest in tow headed for **Hoban High School** of Akron, OH. There they were greeted by enthusiastic students who wanted to give Ugly and his family a new, fresh look. The students wish was granted. They became maize and blue or blue and maize depending which egg shell you were. They enjoyed their performances in "HONK!" in Akron.

In early May 2006, Ugly and family returned to Michigan and made a stop at **Oakland University** in Rochester, MI where they performed in "HONK!" in the student production.

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On June 5, 2006, Ugly and his brothers and sisters made a short trip across town to **Avon Players** in Rochester, MI where they appeared in "HONK!, Jr." After a spectacular run, they returned to their home in Summit Place Mall.

In October 2006, Ugly and his family appeared in "HONK!, Jr." again, this time at **Our Lady of Sorrows Parish** of Farmington, MI.

Roughly one year later, Ugly and his family traveled north in October 2007 to perform in "HONK!" with the **Bay Players of Tawas, MI**. It was a cold trip but lots of fun with the great cast from Tawas.

Recently, Ugly and his family along with their nest, cattails, etal traveled across state to **Big Rapids, MI** to appear in the **Big Rapids High School** production of "HONK!" that ran from November 13 through 15, 2008. While visiting Big Rapids, a new member joined the set – the lid for the cooking pot! We all say, "Welcome!" to our newest member of the family.

After a short rest at their home in Summit Place Mall, Ugly and his family heard about a flurry of interest from theatre groups all around the country. There were requests from Wisconsin and Grand Rapids, MI and even as far away as North East, MD. In fact, Ms. Amy Smith, the Special Education Teacher at **North East Middle School** at 200 East Cecil Avenue in **North East, MD** 21901, really wanted to have Ugly and his family and friends visit her school out east! However, such a long trip seemed cost prohibitive. Luckily, Tina Sheing also wanted Ugly and his family to visit her theatre camp in Delaware in the summer so Amy and Tina made a proposal to Paul Stark, the Lakeland Players Vice President that would allow them to both rent Ugly and the rest and they could share the transportation costs! Paul agreed so on May 1, Amy and her mom showed up at the storage unit with a big marching bands trailer, so they all were loaded up and made the trek to Maryland.

After several wonderful performances in May 2009 at North East Middle School, Ugly, his family and friends were picked up by Tina Sheing and transported to **Delaware** to attend Brandywine's five-week Summer Stock Theatre program. The **Brandywine School District Summer Stock Theater Program** presented "Honk!" on July 23-25 at **Concord High School** at 2501 Ebright Road in Wilmington, DE 19810. They enjoyed meeting new friends and loved being part of the theatre experience for the children who were attending the summer stock theatre program. Here's some photos of Ugly and his family and friends who appeared in these performances:

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After appearing in another wonderful run of successful performances at the camp, Ugly and his family and friends finally had to pack up for their long trip back home. Unbeknownst to them was Lakeland Players (LP) MOVE! New owners of Summit Place mall had requested that LP move out. After over a month of searching, Lakeland Players found a new home for Ugly, his family and friends – a warehouse in Pontiac! On July 27, 2009, Tina and her friend, Deb Johnson, brought Ugly and his family and friends in a Penske truck to 40 W Howard St. in Pontiac, MI 48342-1280 – their new home!

Ugly and his family and friends didn't stay home for long. In November 2009, they were onstage again, this time at **Lenawee Christian School** in **Adrian, MI** doing HONK! Jr.. After another wonderful run, they jumped back into a trailer and traveled the 90 miles between Adrian and Pontiac to come home in time for Thanksgiving. They are truly thankful for the wonderful year they were blessed with in 2009.

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Since their return, Ugly and his family and friends look forward to traveling again. As you have seen, they've traveled to their various vacations via Venture Vans, large 15-seat Ford Vans, snowmobile trailers, marching band trailers, a Penske truck and even in a Dodge Durango. Who knows who wants them to appear with them next? How about you?

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Date	Theatre Group	Location
6/6/2002	Circle Theatre	Grand Rapids, MI
5/2-10/2003	Lakeland Players at Mason Middle School	Waterford, MI
8/14-16/2003	Mid-Michigan Youth Theatre, Saginaw Valley State University	Saginaw, MI
3/5-14/2004	Bloomfield Players at Andover High School	Bloomfield Hills, MI
5/5/2004	Our Lady of Refuge Elementary School	West Bloomfield, MI
7/7/2004	Cranbrook's Summer Theater Arts Camp	Bloomfield, MI
11/5/2004	Walnut Ridge Middle School	West Bloomfield, MI
3/19/2006	Hoban High School	Akron, OH
5/5/2006	Oakland University	Rochester, MI
6/5/2006	Avon Players	Rochester, MI
10/15/2006	Our Lady of Sorrows Parish	Farmington, MI
10/15/2007	Bay Players	Tawas, MI
11/13-15/2008	Big Rapids High School	Big Rapids, MI
5/1/2009 -	North East Middle School	North East, MD
7/27/2009	Brandywine's Summer Stock Theatre Program at Concord High School	Brandywine Hundred, near Wilmington, DE
10/31/2009	Lenawee Christian School	Adrian, MI
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