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1 Bread & Puppet brings 'Upside Down World Circus' to
2 Retreat Farm Aug. 1

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5 The towering puppets, brass band, giant papier-mâché
6 creatures, and political pageantry of Bread & Puppet Theater
7 return to Brattleboro on Saturday, Aug. 1, when the legendary
8 Vermont company presents *The Upside Down World Circus* as
9 part of Next Stage Arts' Bandwagon Summer Series.
10 The outdoor performance begins at 4 p.m. at Retreat
11 Farm, 45 Farmhouse Square, with gates opening at 3 p.m.

12 Filled with stilt dancers, oversized puppets, live music,
13 dance, and the company's trademark blend of satire and
14 spectacle, *The Upside Down World Circus* offers an imaginative
15 response to the political and social upheavals of the present day.

16 Following each performance, Bread & Puppet serves its
17 famous sourdough rye bread with aioli, while the company's
18 popular "Cheap Art" table offers books, posters, postcards,
19 pamphlets, banners, and other works from the Bread & Puppet
20 Press.

21 Founded in 1963 by Peter and Elka Schumann on New
22 York City's Lower East Side, and now based in Glover, Vermont,
23 Bread & Puppet Theater has become one of the world's most
24 celebrated political theater companies. Built on the belief that
25 "theater is as basic as bread," the company has spent more than
26 six decades bringing visually striking performances to theaters,
27 parks, churches, schools, and streets around the world.

28 Bread & Puppet's giant puppets, expressive masks,
29 original music, and exuberant visual storytelling have earned
30 international recognition, including performances at theater
31 festivals across Europe and honors such as four Obie Awards, the
32 Erasmus Prize of Amsterdam, the Puppeteers of America's
33 President's Award, and the Vermont Governor's Award.

34 The company continues to create new work while
35 performing at its farm in Glover and touring throughout the
36 United States and abroad.

37 Tickets are \$24 in advance, \$28 at the gate, and free for
38 children 12 and under. Advance tickets are available at
39 nextstagearts.org.

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