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Folkmanis Presents Fabulous Fantasy Puppets

(January 8, 2009 – EMERYVILLE, CA) Folkmanis – the most award-winning specialty puppet maker in the world – creates the most fantastic fantasy puppets, winning awards and laughter year after year. Spring 2009 Folkmanis introduces three whimsical puppets that will offer hours of open ended imagination-driven playtime. The line debuts, along with all new Folkmanis Puppets, in spring and can be seen at all major shows, including the American International Toy Fair February 15-18, 2009 in Manhattan at the Folkmanis booth #1833 at Jacob K. Javits Convention Center.

“Playtime should be fun time and what’s more fun than playing make-believe? Folkmanis’ fantasy puppets are designed to open up the imagination and let creativity and fun flow freely,” says Judy Folkmanis, co-founder and creative director. “Our puppets always bring a smile to everyone’s face.”

Whimsical and easy-to-use, Folkmanis’ **Frog in Spaceship** puppet takes fantasy across the galaxy. This long-legged Frog is so simple to operate, kids – and adults – won’t want to put it down. Simply insert your fingers like putting on a glove and when you wiggle them, the frog steers his spaceship and flops his legs. The fun doesn’t stop there, Frog flies a unique, one-

of-a-kind, retro spaceship created from soft, shiny, silver fabric. The 13-inch Frog in Spaceship is out of this world! S.R.P. \$32

This clever, reversible, dual-puppet design will endlessly entertain young princesses looking for their prince charming. On one side, Folkmanis' **FROG PRINCE** puppet is an adorable Frog with his big, wide eyes and smiling mouth that seems to say: "Kiss me." To transform him into a Prince, simply flip him inside out and the handsome Prince stands 14-inches tall. He is full-bodied and even wears his crown. Folkmanis Frog Prince is two puppets in one great toy and will delight princesses young and old in conjunction with story-telling. S.R.P. \$40

Every little princess will be delighted with Folkmanis' **FLOWER PRINCESS** finger puppet. Standing seven-inches tall, Flower Princess has a sweet face; wavy, long, yarn hair; and is clothed in delicate, pink, flower petals just like "Thumbelina." She is so adorable and so portable, Flower Princess will become a little girl's BTAFF – best take-along friend forever. S.R.P. \$12

Folkmanis believes imagination is the key to a healthy childhood, encouraging play and discovery to develop the skills necessary in life. The company has been making the most innovative and engaging specialty puppets in the world since 1976, delighting imaginations and winning nearly every industry, child development, and kid-tested award – many repeatedly. Most Folkmanis® Puppets are recommended for ages 3 and up and are available at specialty toy and gift stores, including: science/nature museums, zoo and aquarium gift shops, thousands of independent toy and gift stores, and specialty retailers nationwide and in more than 15 countries around the world. You can also find Folkmanis® Puppets online at Amazon.com. For more information contact Teresa Klein at 415-377-8557, email media@folkmanis.com or go to www.folkmanis.com.

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