

See Those Funny Little People Sept. 7 - 9

Keep an eye out for Loretta & Billy Bob!



Who knew a Halloween costume could become a 38-year business? Certainly not Dave Gregoire, who partnered with Sarah Polarek in 1979 to make a second walking puppet costume, crashing discos together and winning dance contests.

Thirty-eight years later, their company, Those Funny Little People, is a Chicago entertainment staple and an international sensation, with appearances in China, Singapore, Malaysia & Dubai, and they're coming to Martin for the 24th Tennessee Soybean Festival.

The costumes are short, cartoon-like human characters with animated faces, big hats and matching personalities who can be dressed to fit any event or occasion. They dance, mingle and perform and lately, even talk!

In 2011 they were semifi-

nalists, and appeared on four episodes of "America's Got Talent," where they debuted their talking Little People (thanks to performer mics and body speakers).

As a result they were chosen to guest star on the finale of "China's Got Talent," in Shanghai in 2012.

Since expanding their fan base on "America's Got Talent," they have grown their national presence and increased appearances at state and regional fairs all across the country.

Their appearance at the Soybean Festival will feature the characters "Billy Bob & Loretta" performing their stage show, as well as their fun "improv" appearances as they rove the festival grounds for five shows daily Sept. 7, 8, and 9 at the north end of Lindell in Historic Downtown Martin.

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