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**> Currently Franklin:
The Story of a Paper Boy**

Part puppet show, part movement piece, part history lesson, *Currently Franklin* tells the story of Ben Franklin's rise from ocean-loving youngster to superstar diplomat. Originally commissioned for young audiences, Sebastienne Mundheim's multimedia piece features brilliant set work (puppets and props made almost entirely of paper and corrugated packaging), ingeniously interpretive movement (Karin Bookbinder, Kate Carr, Charlie Delmarcelle and Aaron Mumaw pop in and out of paper backdrops, *Laugh-In*-style) and wonderfully creative puppetry (multiple Franklins, overhead projections). That the narration occasionally steps on, telegraphs and makes redundant the show's best

visual moments is a small quibble with a production this enjoyable.

—**Brian Howard**

Through Sept. 4, Christ Church Neighborhood House, 20 N. American St.