

## **Shockheaded Peter - New English American Theater**

Generations of German children grew up being told the eerily-scary stories of burning Paulinchen, Little Suck-a-Thumb, whose thumbs were cut off with huge scissors and Augustus, who starved, because he did not want to eat any soup. In 1844, Dr. Heinrich Hoffmann put these stories into a picture book as a Christmas present for his three year old son. Fascinated by these most subtle German pedagogics, Mark Twain translated "Struwwelpeter" into English. His atticisms turned "Solvenly Peter" into a linguistic work of art. NEAT is presenting it in a "Shockheaded Peter" version, including dark-humoured musical interludes.