

THEATER

Acclaimed Hip Hop Musical Comes To The Cinnabar

Late this month, "Beatbox: LA Raparetta" will begin its run at the Cinnabar Theater in Petaluma. This critically acclaimed play by Tommy Shepherd and Dan Wolf will be performed by the well-known theater and musical group, Felonious On Love Hip Hop. "Beatbox" refers to vocal drum rhythms that accompany the rhyming lyrics of the play. Additional accompaniment will be provided by San Francisco's DJ Raw B, producer of the "Beatsauce" Hip Hop radio program.

The story focuses on the struggle of two brothers and their friends to rise above the challenge of the conditions into which they were born. It speaks to both young audiences and adults who love theater.

"Beatbox: A Raparetta" runs through November 12th. Tickets are \$22 and \$20. The Cinnabar Theater is located at 3333 Petaluma Boulevard North in Petaluma. For information about specific dates and times, call 707.763.8920.

Storytelling Festival Returns to Spreckles

Spreckles Performing Arts Center and Young Audiences of Northern California have collaborated on a "Legends and Lore Storytelling Festival", bringing together two of the Bay Area's most imaginative performers, Brenda Wong Aoki and Michael Katz, who will perform "Tales of the Pacific Rim" and "American Patchwork".

"Tales of the Pacific Rim" dramatizes five Asian/Pacific Islander folktales and oral histories. Clad in the traditional kimono of a Japanese itinerant storyteller and using only a classical Noh fan and her luxurious waist-length hair as props, Ms. Aoki creates powerful, finely etched, tragic and humorous characters. Among her performances will be "Why Some People are Left Handed" (a Hmong fable), "The Twilight Crane" (a classic Japanese tale), "Monkey Defies Death" (the adventures of the Chinese monkey king), "Okiku and The Saucers" (a traditional Japanese ghost story), and "Grandpa" (a poignant tale of a Chinese immigrant in California). Ms. Aoki has performed at the Kennedy Center, The New Victory

Theater on Broadway, the Hong Kong Performing Arts Center, the Whitney Museum of Art, the Smithsonian Institute, and the Apollo.

"American Patchwork" is a collection of tall tales, folktales and native myths, including the rollicking adventures of Pecos Bill, the misadventures of Lazy Jack, and the soaring pride and accomplishment of The Boy Who Fed Eagles. It brings together the comic and profound in a highly animated and energetic style. Mr. Katz is a founding member of the popular Boxtales storytelling and theater troupe and has performed throughout California and the United States.

The "Legends & Lore Storytelling Festival" will be staged in the Nellie W. Coddling Theater on Saturday, October 15th, at 2:30 PM. Tickets are \$12 full price and \$8 for children 12 and under. The Spreckles Performing Arts Center Box Office is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 PM and one hour before curtain time. Tickets can also be purchased by phone by calling 707.588.3400.



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New Comedy Comes To Dance Palace

Randy Rutherford brings this new show, "One Arctic Shiny Knight", to the Dance Palace at 5th and B Streets in Point Reyes Station on Saturday, October 15th, at 8 PM. The show is the first to be performed at The Marsh at the Dance Palace, a collaboration with San Francisco's breeding ground for new performance talent.

Rutherford is a writer,

humorist, and solo performer from the Bay Area who mixes music and life's ironies to create a memorable cast of characters in this autobiographical play. CBC Radio Winnipeg called the piece "moving" and "laugh-out-loud funny".

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$13 for seniors, and \$5 for teens. They're available online at dancepalace.org or by calling 415.663.1075.

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