

MEDIA RELEASE

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THE 4th INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ANIMATED OBJECTS
January 23 – February 1, 2009

A celebration of puppetry, masks and all things animated.

Featuring

BIG SKY MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING

The 4th biennial International Festival of Animated Objects will present Big Sky Multimedia Storytelling Society in **Matriarchs of the Earth & Spirit Whales**. Two distinct mask / dance / multimedia performances presented on one bill, Matriarchs of the Earth & Spirit Whales combine traditional Aboriginal mask work with contemporary dance and multimedia projection. Led by Tsimshian artist and storyteller Victor Reece and Anishanabea multimedia artist Sharon Jinkerson-Brass, Big Sky Multimedia Storytelling comes to Calgary from Pender Island, BC.

PERFORMANCE: Matriarchs of The Earth & Spirit Whales

THU JAN 29 9:30 PM – Pay What You Can

SAT JAN 31 7:00 PM **SUN FEB 1** 7:00 PM **FRI JAN 30** 9:30 PM

Vertigo Theatre, 161, 115 – 9 Ave SE (Base of the Calgary Tower)

All Ages \$20 non-members / \$17 members

\$10 children (ages 5 – 14) / Children under 5 Free

90 min

WORKSHOP: Raven Totem Maquette

FRI JAN 23 – SUN JAN 25

Black Forest Wood Company, Bay 7, 603 – 77 Ave SE

Recommended for Ages 14+, \$275 includes all instruction and materials

To register, call 403-255-6044

LECTURE: The Stars Are the Campfires of Our Ancestors

FRI JAN 30 NOON

Triangle Gallery, 800 Macleod Trail SE

\$10 or by donation, 45 min

Big Sky Multimedia Storytelling are sponsored by Enbridge and Black Forest Wood Company.

Tickets for all events are available at the Vertigo Box Office. Tickets are available by phone at 403-221-3708, online at www.vertigotheatre.com or in person at the Vertigo Box Office at the base of the Calgary Tower. Festival Passes and Gift Certificates are also available. Full information on all Festival events is at www.animatedobjects.ca

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