THANKSGIVING WEEKEND PERFORMANCES!

MUMMENSCHANZ AT 40 YEARS COMES TO CAL PERFORMANCES
CELEBRATING FOUR DECADES OF MAGIC
FRIDAY- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23- 25

SchoolTime: One-hour performance for Bay Area students will be given
Monday November 26 at 11:00 a.m.

BERKELEY, October 19, 2012—Mummenschanz returns to Zellerbach Hall for the
Thanksgiving weekend with three performances on Friday & Saturday, November 23 & 24, at
2:00 p.m. and Sunday November 25, at 3:00 p.m. The universally loved theater troupe
specializes in transforming inanimate objects like tubes, boxes and toilet paper into living
characters in a whimsical show of lights, shadows, masks, and choreography. This year marks
the 40th anniversary of Mummenschanz’s founding. The group will be touring internationally
with a new program titled 40 Years, which features highlights from past creative endeavors. The
two hour show with intermission will feature over 30 sketches performed by Floriana Frasseto,
Philipp Egli, Raffaella Mattioli, and Pietro Montandon. “Mummenschanz transcends words
and culture and cuts straight to the heart of what it is to be human” (Cape Times).

Formed in 1972, Mummenschanz was created by Bernie Schurch, Andress Bossard and
current performer Frasseto to create a nonverbal theatrical language that would transcend the
traditional barriers of nationality and culture. The company was successful from its start at the
1972 Avignon Festival. One of Sweden’s most popular cultural phenomenon, the group has
toured the world, including Eastern Europe, North and South America, Asia, Africa and the
Middle East. The troupe spent three years on Broadway from 1977 - 1980 with a production that
contained no words or music. Their shows are known for the vast number of props in the shape
of versatile faces, half-body and whole-body masks, and three-dimensional sculptural heads. In
1998 the ensemble decided to set up the Mummenschanz Foundation following the death of
founding member Bossard to promote originality in theatrical works. For more information, go to their website www.mummenschanz.com/en.

Mummenschanz will give a SchoolTime performance for Bay Area students on Monday, November 26 at 11:00 a.m. at Zellerbach Hall. Tickets are sold in advance only.

**TICKET INFORMATION**

Tickets for Mummenschanz on Friday & Saturday, November 23 & 24, at 2:00 p.m. and Sunday November 25, at 3:00 p.m. in Zellerbach Hall start at $22.00, and are subject to change. Tickets are available through the Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at (510) 642-9988; at www.calperformances.org; and at the door. Half-price tickets are available for UC Berkeley students. UC faculty and staff, senior citizens, other students and UC Alumni Association members receive a $5.00 discount (Special Events excluded). For select performances, Cal Performances offers UCB student, faculty and staff, senior, and community rush tickets. For more information about discounts, go to [http://calperformances.org/buy/discounts.php](http://calperformances.org/buy/discounts.php) or call (510) 642-9988.

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CAL PERFORMANCES PRESENTS

Friday & Saturday, November 23 & 24 at 2:00 p.m.  Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley Campus
Sunday, November 25, at 3:00 p.m.  Bancroft Way at Telegraph Ave., Berkeley

World Stage
40 Years
Mummenschanz
Floriana Frasseto, artistic director and performer
Bernie Schürch, artistic director
Philipp Egli, performer
Raffaella Mattioli, performer
Pietro Montandon, performer

Program: The world-renowned Swiss pantomime troupe, Mummenschanz, returns with its hugely popular 40th anniversary show, 40 Years. In their surreal, comic, wordless universe, the ordinary becomes extraordinary when common materials and everyday objects—wires, tubes, boxes and fabric—spring to life as fantastical characters.

Tickets: Start at $22.00, are subject to change and are available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at (510) 642-9988; at calperformances.org; and at the door.

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Monday, November 26, at 11:00 a.m.  Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley
SCHOOLTIME PERFORMANCE  Bancroft Way at Telegraph Ave., Berkeley

SchoolTime
Mummenschanz

Program: Mummenschanz brings a special one-hour performance to school children.

Tickets: $8.00 per student or adult chaperone, available in advance only through Cal Performances at (510) 642-9988. SchoolTime performances are open to students in kindergarten through grade 12 in Bay Area public and private schools. Supplemental study guides for the classroom are provided. For more information about the SchoolTime program, contact the SchoolTime coordinator at Cal Performances by email at eduprograms@calperfs.berkeley.edu or by phone at (510) 642-0212.

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