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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

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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> or call (510) 642-9988.

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CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

CAL PERFORMANCES PRESENTS

**Friday & Saturday, November 23 & 24 at 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 25, at 3:00 p.m.**

**Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley Campus
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.
SCHOOLTIME PERFORMANCE**

**Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley
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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