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## On Stage "Frogs..." comes home from Broadway run!



Five inventive performers from Portland will delight audiences of all ages in a whimsical movement by Imago called "Frogs, Lizards, Orbs and Slinkys".

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Imago Theatre returns to Portland after a successful run of "Frogs, Lizards, Orbs and Slinkys" at the acclaimed New Victory Theatre on New York's 42nd Street. The show will play in Portland up to May 28 at the company's home base at 17 SE 8th Ave.

"Response to the production has been overwhelming" says Carol Triffle, Co-Artistic Director and Co-Creator of "Frogs..." In a glowing April 6, 2000 *New York Times* review, Lawrence Van Gelder writes that "Frogs..." "is a gently humorous, charmingly creative show...supple, talented troupe of five from Portland, Oregon, with a well-developed taste for mischief is providing a novel diversion...Giggles galore...clever entertainment...captivating...varied movement...evokes outright laughter, oohs and enthusiastic applause from children and adults alike...With all its movement, 'Frogs, Lizards, Orbs and Slinkys' turns out to be an exercise in audience relaxation and inventive fun."

A flock of penguins playing musical chairs in a snow storm, two-faced crocodiles, and a giant paper bag have all become instant hits on Broadway. Katie Griesar has composed a new score for the show. "Katie has created a wonderful contemporary sound, which certainly brings the production into the new millennium" enthuses Co-Artistic Director and Co-Creator Jerry Mouawad.

Imago fans that have seen the show in the past will be happily surprised by the new elements, particularly with the added whimsical characters, larger cast and enhanced music. Performing in the production are: Graydon Kouri, Kim Dahle, Michael Vertlieb, Quinn Casey and Ryan Custer.

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