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Native American storyteller and playwright Ed Edmo with figures from Raven Stories.

Tears of Joy World Premiere

A Trickster of Native American Lore

Tears of Joy Theatre presents an all new production based on that trickster of Native American lore, Raven.

Like his cousin Coyote, Raven uses his wits and cunning to get what he wants. He may be sneaky but his tricks have given us the sun, fire, and more! Raven Stories is written by Shoshone-Bannock poet and storyteller Ed Edmo.

The production is based on three stories of Native American Folk lore: Raven Steals the Sun, Moon and Stars; How Raven Killed a Whale; and How Raven Gave Water to the World.

The style of puppetry used in Raven Stories was chosen to reflect Native American Totem poles and traditional wooden carvings, inspired in part by Director Michael Grigg's work with Piotr Tomaszek, the artistic director of Wirszalin, the Polish company where he learned the style.

Shows open Friday and continue this weekend, April 4-6 and next weekend, April 12 and 13 at Imago Theatre, 17 S.E. Eighth Ave. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$13 for youth.

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