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The Sharks and Jets rumble in Stumptown Stages' production of West Side Story, now playing through Oct. 27 at the Portland'5 Center for the Arts' Winningstad Theater.

## Impactful 'West Side Story' on Portland Stage

From the first notes to the final breath, West Side Story is one of the most memorable musicals and greatest love stories of all time – a story of survival in a world of hate, violence and prejudice.

Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet is transported to modern-day New York City as two young, idealistic lovers find themselves caught between warring street gangs, the "American" Jets and the Puerto Rican Sharks.

# Warring Sides Rumble

Portland's Stumptown Stages brings this powerful, poignant and still timely musical to the Portland-5 Center for the Arts' Winningstad Theater with performances now showing through Oct. 27.

"(The musical's) themes resonate as soundly today as when first written. More than ever we need engagement that recognizes the importance of 'one hand, one heart,' leading the way to positive change," said Kirk Mouser, Stumptown Stages' producing artistic director.

For tickets and more information, call 1-800-273-1530 or visit the box office at 1111 S.W. Broadway Ave.