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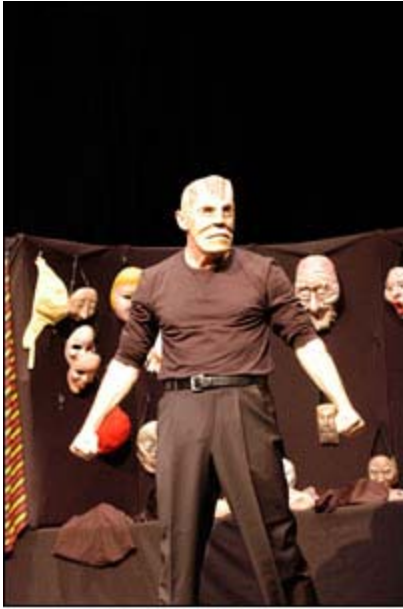
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'Mask Messenger' to Merge Comedy, Theatre, Dance and Poetry at EIU

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Faustwork Mask Theatre

Faustwork Mask Theatre, which captivates audiences with a unique synthesis of theatre, masks, physical comedy, dance and poetry, is coming to Eastern Illinois University's Doudna Fine Arts Center.

"The Mask Messenger," a series of vignettes ranging from comic to bizarre to poignant, is set for 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, in The Theatre. Admission is \$5. The performance is not recommended for younger children.

First, the performers present a brief and informative mock-lecture about the myriad uses of masks in cultures throughout the world. The performers then demonstrate the power of transformation by removing the masks from the wall and assuming the emotional state expressed in each face.

The show, which uses a variety of masks created by the company, has been performed more than 2,000 times at festivals, corporate events, universities and in theatres throughout the United States and the world.

For more information on the Faustwork Mask Theatre, please see <http://www.faustwork.com>. This performance is sponsored by the College of Arts and Humanities Excellence in Fine Arts Fund and the Department of Theatre Arts.

To purchase tickets or to arrange accommodations for persons with special needs, contact Doudna Fine Arts Patron Services at 217-581-3110 or doudnatix@eiu.edu, or visit the Doudna Fine Arts Center Box Office.

The Doudna is located one block west of Ninth Street at Garfield Avenue on the EIU campus. Free parking is available in any of the university lots at the corner of Ninth and Garfield and immediately south of the center.

The Doudna Fine Arts Center is a division of the EIU College of Arts and Humanities. For more information, please see <http://www.eiu.edu/doudna>.