

IROKO

Theatre Company

presents

The Green Stone Bead

A piece of Music Theatre connecting cultures through stories, objects and artefacts

'The Green Stone Bead' is a cross-cultural piece that explores the encounter between Eshu, the mythical Yoruba god of fate and two very canny tricksters, Ananse and the Monkey who have been chosen by Olodumare, the creator to retrieve the green stone bead from the underwater world of Olokun, Atargatis and Ganga et al.

The play is a metaphorical depiction of the angers of the river spirits and goddesses and their skygod counterparts as they decide to hold on to the green stone bead, not out of hate but because of their belief borne out of their benevolent and protective spirits, that the proverbial grandmother must look after 'the child's prized toy' to save it from destruction! The 'grandmothers' have elected to hold on to the bead as they believe that 'our shared heritage' and our common humanity will be at risk if mortals lay their hands on it.

'The Green Stone Bead' is a magic-reality parody of our laboured search for happiness, peace and harmony and is full of fun and excitement for the whole family.

IROKO Theatre Company engages, educates and entertains people of all backgrounds, ages & abilities so that they can achieve their full potential, play an active role in their community and have an improved quality of life. IROKO works mainly in schools, colleges, libraries, community centres, hospitals, young offenders' institutes, etc.

For further information visit www.irokotheatre.org.uk

Listing info: ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

- REDBRIDGE CENTRAL LIBRARY - Tuesday 26th May 2015 (Exhibition: 2.00 to 2.30 pm Performance: 2.30 to 3.15 pm)
- BARKING LEARNING CENTRE-Thursday 28th May 2015 (Exhibition: 2.00 to 2.30 pm, Performance: 2.30 to 3.15 pm)
- STRATFORD LIBRARY 3 - Friday 29th May 2015 (Exhibition: 3.00 to 3.30 pm Performance: 3.30 to 4.15 pm)
- THE BRITISH MUSEUM- Sunday 31st May 2015 (OSH Exhibition: 2.00 to 2.30 pm Performance: 2.30 to 3.15 pm)
- GOLDSMITHS, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON - Saturday 20th June 2015 (Exhibition: 3.00 to 3.30 pm, Lecture*: 3.30 to 4.15 pm Performance: 4.15 to 5.00 pm)

Goldsmiths, University of London Lecture*

"The Myth of Mami-Wata across West Africa and Beyond" – Prof. Osita Okagbue

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