



## NEWS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 4, 2013

- WHAT:** IMAGO: ZOOZOO  
**WHEN:** Thursday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Fine Arts Center Concert Hall  
University of Massachusetts Amherst  
**TICKETS:** \$30, \$25, \$15; Five College, GCC, STCC students and youth 17 and under are \$10. Call 1-800-999-UMAS or 545-2511 for tickets or go online to <http://www.fineartscenter.com/>  
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### PLAYFUL ACROBATICS, DANCE AND MIME OF IMAGO:ZOOZOO AT UMASS FAC

“Theater like this opens the eyes to the possibilities of exploration in the vast realm of imagination.” – New York Times

Imago Theatre's shows have been described as Cirque Du Soleil-evoking acrobatics mixed with Mummenschanz-like mime, set in a unique yet accessible French-influenced avant-garde playground. Quite a picture that conjures! Imagine all of that with penguins playing musical chairs, a cat trapped in a giant paper bag, hippos with insomnia, anteaters as waiters, and a madcap revue of illusion. That's Zoo Zoo, the critically acclaimed mix of dance, design, circus, music, text and illusion that has inspired audiences nationwide. They bring their zany menagerie to the Fine Arts center Concert hall on Thursday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. This is an Arts Give back event for Feline Friends. Ticket holders are asked to bring an item from the Feline Friends' wish list available at [www.felinefriendsinc.org](http://www.felinefriendsinc.org).

Founded in 1979 by Carol Triffle and Jerry Mouawad, Imago Theatre's original productions have toured internationally for over two decades. The universal nature of Imago's work has won audience and critical acclaim in tours across Asia, Europe,

Canada and the U.S. Imago has been hailed by critics worldwide for its sophisticated, highly entertaining works for all ages.

Carol Triffle and Jerry Mouawad, have been called alchemists, magicians, theatrical animators, and physical comedians. Defying classification, they have populated the stage with characters and beings such as comedic amphibians, acrobatic larvae, circus boulders, and metamorphosing humans in works which tantalize the senses, the intellect, and the passions. From adaptations of classics to excursions into vaudevillian existentialism, Imago's repertoire is as vast as the forms they shape. With commissions for stage, film, and television, Imago blurs the lines of the expected to break new ground, exploding performance boundaries yet maintaining humor and humanity. Imago Theatre's methodology is based on the teachings of Jacques Lecoq (1921-1999.) Ms Triffle studied extensively with Mr. Lecoq completing his exclusive pedagogical program. Drawing inspiration from Mr. Lecoq, Imago Theatre aims to place form and design at the forefront of theatre creation and infuses each production with an idiosyncratic physical energy.

Imago Theatre tours internationally while also producing a season at its home base in Portland, Oregon. The company's critically acclaimed productions *FROGZ* and *ZooZoo* have played at the prestigious New Victory Theatre on Broadway and was awarded the New York Dance Film Award and "Best Touring Production" by Independent Reviewers of New England. The company has been honored for mask theatre pieces that have appealed to a wide age range, as well as for innovative works that push the boundaries of form, design and story. In 2006, the company's innovative production of Jean-Paul Sartre's *No Exit* ran at two Tony-Award winning theatres – American Repertory Theater and The Hartford Stage Company. The United States premiere of Caryl Churchill's *A Number* was produced by Imago Theatre in 2003.

Tickets for Imago: ZooZoo at the Fine Arts Center Concert Hall are \$30, \$25, \$15; Five College, GCC, STCC students and youth 17 and under are \$10. For tickets call the Box Office at 545-2511, toll-free at 800-999-UMAS, or purchase online at [fineartscenter.com](http://fineartscenter.com). Imago: ZooZoo is sponsored by Baystate Medical Practices and the Daily Hampshire Gazette.

## **PHOTOS**

Hi-res photos available for download: <https://fac.umass.edu/Online/PressRoom>.

## **PRESS PASSES**

Limited press passes are available. Please contact Shawn Farley at 413-545-4159 or [sfarley@admin.umass.edu](mailto:sfarley@admin.umass.edu).

## **ABOUT THE FAC**

The Fine Arts Center, located on the UMass Amherst campus, is a presenter of music, dance, theater and the visual arts, bringing hundreds of outstanding and provocative artists to the Pioneer Valley for over 35 years.

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