



## NEWS RELEASE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 7, 2014**

**WHAT:** Mummenschanz  
**WHEN:** Sunday, December 7 at 4 p.m., Family Fest party at 3 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Fine Arts Center Concert Hall  
University of Massachusetts Amherst  
**TICKETS:** Call 1-800-999-UMAS or 545-2511 for tickets or go online to <http://www.fineartscenter.com/>  
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*"For children who think they are adults and for adults who still believe they are children at heart"  
- New York Times*

### **MUMMENSCHANZ MAKES LONG AWAITED RETURN TO UMASS FINE ARTS CENTER**

Having captivated audiences with its unique brand of visual theatre for more than 40 years, [Mummenschanz](#) makes its return visit to the FAC on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Concert Hall. The last time they were here was 18 years ago in 1996. Original cast member Floriana Frassetto continues to perform with the company as a featured artist alongside Philipp Egli, Pietro Montandon and Raffaella Mattioli. Audience members are invited to a free Family Fun party in the lobby starting at 3 p.m.

Mummenschanz has toured in 60 countries on five continents, winning international acclaim with performances that cross cultural boundaries and defy classification. The performers of Mummenschanz create inspiring and captivating illusions using colorful masks and incredible props, producing a magical world of possibilities without speaking any words. The result is a visually stunning spectacle of family entertainment that sparks the imagination.

Formed in Paris in 1972 by Swiss artists Bernie Schürch, Andres Bossard and Floriana Frassetto, the pioneering performance troupe has sought to create a non-verbal theatrical language that speaks to audiences of all ages and nationalities. The group had its breakthrough during a three year Broadway run at the Bijou Theatre in New York from 1977 - 1980. Since then, the group has toured continuously, performing in theatres and festivals worldwide.

Tickets for Mummenschanz are \$40, \$30, \$15; Five College, GCC and 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). The Fine Arts Center's season is sponsored by Baystate Health and Health New England, with additional event support coming from 93.9 The River, and Valley Kids.

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## CALENDAR LISTING

UMass Fine Arts Center presents

### **MUMMENSCHANZ**

**Sunday, December 7, 4 p.m., Fine Arts Center Concert Hall**

In the wordless universe of Mummenschanz, the ordinary becomes extraordinary when common materials, everyday objects (like toilet paper) and colorful abstract shapes and forms spring to life. By creating a playful yet compelling experience, Mummenschanz offers timeless insight on the human condition. The result is a visually stunning spectacle that transcends cultural barriers and sparks the imagination.

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**JUST FOR FUN! Free Family Fest celebration for ticket-holders in the lobby at 3 p.m.**

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Visit [www.fineartscenter.com](http://www.fineartscenter.com) for 2014-15 Season details, directions, and more.

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