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OREGON SHADOW THEATRE PERFORMS “PECOS BILL, A TALL TALE”

The Springfield Public Library presents two free performances at the Wildish Theater



The Oregon Shadow Theatre will perform its award winning puppet play, “Pecos Bill, a Tall Tale,” as the final event of the 2012 Springfield Puppet Festival. The performances will be at the Richard E. Wildish Theater, Saturday, March 31, at 1pm and again at 3 pm. The shows are free and are recommended for ages 5 and older. The Springfield Puppet Festival is a production of the Springfield Public Library.

In the folklore of the American West, Pecos Bill has been called the creator of the Rio Grande, the lasso, the rodeo, and the first cowboy songs. The Oregon Shadow Theatre production follows Bill from his childhood (raised by coyotes,) through his adventures fighting mythical beasts, riding a cyclone, falling in love with a woman who rides catfish, to the settling of the West.

Oregon Shadow Theatre is a Portland based company specializing in the ancient art of shadow puppetry. Their shadow plays have toured the United States and Canada, including performances at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. and the Center for Puppetry Arts in Atlanta, Georgia.



The performances will be in the Richard E. Wildish Theater, 630 Main Street. All Puppet Festival events are free. Oregon Shadow Theatre performances are sponsored by Springfield Utility Board. Complete information about the festival is available at <http://www.wheremindsgrow.org/kids.html>.

What: Oregon Shadow Theatre performs “Pecos Bill, a Tall Tale”

When: Two free performances: Saturday, March 31 at 1:00 and at 3:00

Where: Richard E. Wildish Theater, 630 Main Street.

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