

Bainbridge Performing Arts 2009-2010 Season

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**Bainbridge Island Arts Education Community Consortium presents
LE-LA-LA Native People's Mask Dance from Vancouver Island
Thursday, April 15 @ 1:30 p.m. @ Bainbridge Performing Arts (BPA)**

Discover the ancient legends, songs and dances of the First Nations. Through vibrant regalia, exquisite masks and heartbeat drum rhythms the history and culture of the Kwakwaka'wakw peoples are highlighted. The LE-LA-LA Dancers are a traditional First Nations dance troupe whose members are from the Kwakwaka'wakw (Kwak Kwak kee wak) Nation of northern Vancouver Island. Le-La-La means "traveling from here to there" in the Kwakwaka'wakw language. The troupe has been performing all over Canada and internationally since 1987 under the direction of George Taylor (potlatch name Me'las). George began singing and dancing at potlatches when he was just a young lad. Many respected elders and Chiefs have influenced and contributed to his repertoire of songs and dances. The "Spirit of the Masks" dance presentation delivers strong messages of respect and honor for each other, as well as towards our environment and Mother Earth.

LE-LA-LA Native People's Mask Dance from Vancouver Island appears at BPA Thursday, April 15 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets, \$7 per person, may be purchased by calling or emailing Bonnie Showers at the Bainbridge Island Arts and Humanities Council office at 206.842.7901 or bonnies@artshum.org. All teachers and chaperones receive five complimentary tickets per group of 25. Performances — held at Bainbridge Performing Arts, 200 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island — are recommended for all ages.

The event is presented by **Bainbridge Island Arts Education Community Consortium**. BPA is supported, in part, by the **Bainbridge Island Arts and Humanities Council** and the **City of Bainbridge Island**.

Find out more about BPA at www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org. Check online for the latest on theatre and symphony auditions, complete theatre school and adult class offerings, performance listings, tickets, cast lists, video promos, posters, press, and more. Click on "Join Mailing List" to receive electronic performance announcements and behind-the-scenes news.

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