

Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz Presents

There's a Nightmare in my Closet by Mercer Mayer
&
Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll

**Performed By Tears of Joy Theatre
In Los Angeles
On Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 6:30pm**

LOS ANGELES, CA – **Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz** is pleased to present *There's a Nightmare My Closet*, by Mercer Mayer and *Jabberwocky* by Lewis Carroll, performed by **Tears of Joy Theatre** with a variety of puppet styles, on **Thursday, November 15, 2018**. These stories are tied together by the theme of facing and overcoming our fears in ways that will elicit both wonder and giggles.

"There's a Nightmare in My Closet" is an imaginative family show based on the renowned children's book of the same title by Mercer Mayer. This piece is a classic of Tears of Joy's repertoire. Over the past twenty years, bushy-haired Michael in his red-striped PJs and the sad-eyed, big-eared, blue nightmare monster have traveled all over the world.

The boy and the Nightmare are adaptations of Japanese Bunraku puppets and the Jabberwocky is performed with three dimensional shadow puppets created from kitchen utensils which fuels the imagination!

Tears of Joy's 60-minute performance is full of fun, with humor for adults as well as children (ages 3+) to enjoy.

The show will start at **6:30pm** and will take place at **Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz**, the performance space at **Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles**, located at 10361 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90064 (310-286-0553). Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and can be purchased here <http://tinyurl.com/ofmdyxh>.

"We invite this Portland-based puppet theatre company every single year to perform in Los Angeles.... and every time they absolutely mesmerize our young audience with an amazingly fun and creative production," says **Pierre Leloup**, **Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz** Director.

Tears of Joy Theatre –

Portland-based Tears of Joy Theatre is recognized as one of the nation’s outstanding puppet theatres, known internationally for its innovation and excellence. The mission of Tears of Joy Theatre is to produce, develop, and present puppet theatre that celebrates the diversity of world cultures, and to teach children as well as enrich their lives by helping them experience, create, and perform art with professional artists. Four of the theatre’s productions have received American puppetry’s highest honor, the Citation of Excellence in the Art of Puppetry. Tears of Joy Theatre has also received a Washington State Governor’s Arts Award and a Young Audiences Sunburst Award for its “exemplary commitment to arts in education.” Reg and Janet Bradley originally founded the company in 1971.

Impressed by their work, TRK Director Pierre Leloup invites the company to perform in Los Angeles every year. Leloup first met Tears of Joy’s founder, Janet Bradley, 14 years ago at the Western Arts Alliance Conference in Spokane, WA. Leloup has seen many of the group’s beautifully crafted shows at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts, where they are a resident company.

Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz –

Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz (TRK) is a non-profit institution dedicated to the promotion of art and culture in the West Los Angeles area. This 220-seat theater welcomes multidisciplinary and multicultural shows. TRK’s mission is to be an open window on French and international cultures and to inspire and sustain a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

“The goal of our programming is to produce a range of live performances with an eclectic array of creative artists from around the world,” says Pierre Leloup, Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz Director, “Our events bring diverse cultural traditions from across the globe to our stage, enriching the lives of our students and attendees from the greater Los Angeles area.”

Links –

- Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz (TRK) – <http://www.theatreraymondkabbaz.com>
- TRK Event Page – <https://www.theatreraymondkabbaz.com/toj2018>
- TRK on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Theatre-Raymond-Kabbaz/43864706321>
- Facebook Event Page – <https://www.facebook.com/events/268209990690995/>
- Tears of Joy Theatre Official Site – <http://www.tojt.org/>
- Tears of Joy Theatre on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/tearsofjoytheatre>

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