



**Dragon Theatre's Colorful Puppet Show *Kintaro*
and Eugene Taiko (powerful drum beats and spellbinding rhythms)
at Willamette Heritage Center *at the Mill* (WHC)**

For Immediate Release

What: The Dragon Theatre Puppet Group Presents *Kintaro* and Eugene Taiko

When: Saturday, October 13, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Where: 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, OR, 97301, 503-585-7012 www.willametteheritage.org

Cost: \$4 per person, and includes admission to the museum that day

***Kintaro* at 1:00 pm.**

The Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art's Dragon Theatre Puppet Group brings ancient and modern tales from around the world to life with its colorful puppet show *Kintaro*, a Japanese folk tale.

Kintaro is a mythological story about the boyhood of a real historical person named Kintaro, a model figure for Japanese boys. The story begins with Kintaro in the forest. He has only animals as friends, who teach him the qualities he needs to become a well-loved samurai.

The group performs with hand-crafted, authentically costumed puppets. The puppet shows are based on stories that have been handed down from generation to generation in China, Japan, Korea, and the Pacific Northwest.

Eugene Taiko at 2:00 pm.

Eugene Taiko is a community-based Japanese drumming ensemble that has been performing for audiences throughout Oregon since 1989. Taiko simply means "drum" in Japanese, but Eugene Taiko truly brings its drums alive with powerful beats and spellbinding rhythms. Performing modern interpretations of traditional pieces as well as their own compositions, the members of Eugene Taiko bring their energetic enthusiasm to each of the group's performances.

Japanese craft activities for kids of all ages will also be available.

For high resolution photos, please contact Cheryl Clark, cclark@auramarketing.com.

The Willamette Heritage Center *at The Mill*, a unification between Mission Mill Museum and Marion County Historical Society, is a stroll through the history of the Willamette Valley. Its 5-acre campus is home to the 1841 Jason Lee house (arguably the oldest wooden framed house in Oregon), 1841 Willamette Mission Parsonage, 1847 John Boon home, 1858 Pleasant Grove Church and the 1896 Thomas Kay Woolen Mill, named an *American Treasure* by the National Park Service. Since its founding in 1964 as a private non-profit association, Mission Mill Museum has established a reputation as a leader in the preservation and interpretation of Oregon's history. The museum's histories are shared with visitors through daily and group tours, speakers, living history, children's programs, hands-on activities, special events, the museum store and rental facilities. For more information call 503-585-7012 or visit www.willametteheritage.org.

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