

For Immediate Release:  
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*Arden Theatre Family Series*  
**Masked Marvels and Wondertales**  
**with Michael Cooper**

Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm

**St. Albert, AB** – It will be an adventurous afternoon of outlandish antics and magical transformations when visual artist and virtuoso mime **Michael Cooper** brings his one-man extravaganza to the **Arden Theatre** on **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The first performance of the Family Series, ***Masked Marvels and Wondertales***, promises side-splitting, knee-slapping fun for the whole family!

Michael Cooper has multiple heads, an enormous nose, and a great sense of humour. A poet of the stage, he combines mythical and autobiographical stories of courage and wonder with eye-popping visuals that include breathtaking handcrafted masks. Whether producing a single paper, cloth, or wooden mask, Cooper has elevated this most ancient of theatre crafts to the level of a fine art; creating everything from a clumsy baby to a brave cowboy. In a world where dogs wear hats, wild stallions are tamed, giant noses sneeze, and fish use candy to bait children in a pond... anything is possible.

Told in prose, poetry, and silent mime, the use of captivating stories is funny and thought provoking, yet always entertaining. *Masked Marvels and Wondertales* is indeed a celebration of life guaranteed to capture hearts and stimulate imaginations.

Enjoy **pre-show visual arts activities** and **lobby entertainment**, and a **post-show reception** with free juice and goodies at all of the Family Series performances.

Buy all three Family Series shows and receive **25% off** your tickets (available ONLY through The Arden Theatre Box Office). **Single tickets** for Family Series shows are **\$18 Kids/\$20 Adults** (plus facility fee).

Visit the **Arden Theatre Box Office** in person (5 St. Anne Street), purchase by phone at 780-459-1542, or through Ticketmaster\* at 1-855-985-5000 or ticketmaster.ca.

\* Agency fee in effect.

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