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World-Class Theatre Company to Bring Indigenous Legend to Life for Kelowna Audience

(Kelowna, BC) Vancouver's Axis Theatre Company is a world-class, award-winning organization that has been producing original physical theatre productions for the young and young at heart for over 40 years.

Axis' productions are performed in theatres and schools, enriching curriculum, drawing children into stories and giving them access to ideas in new ways. Their 57 original works have earned 24 Jessie Richardson Awards, A Betty Mitchell Award and a Drama Desk Nomination for Unique Theatrical Experience.

In February 2020, the organization is bringing *Th'owxiya: The Hungry Feast Dish* to Kelowna's Mary Irwin Theatre at the Rotary Centre for the Arts (421 Cawston Ave.)

Indigenous storytellers spin a tale from the Kwantlen First Nations Village of Squa'lets, about Th'owxiya, an old and powerful spirit that inhabits a feast dish. Her dish holds beautiful foods from around the world but careful, stealing from her is dangerous business because Th'owxiya has developed a taste for children. When Th'owxiya catches a hungry mouse, Kw'atel, stealing a piece of cheese from her mouth she demands two child spirits be brought for her to eat or else, she will eat Kw'atel's whole family.

Ignorant to her power yet desperate to save her family, Kw'atel sets forth on an intense journey to fulfill Th'owxiya's demand. With the help of the Sqeweqs (Raven), two Spa:th (bears), and Sasq'ets (sasquatch), Kw'at'el finds alternate gifts to appease the goddess and the journey becomes one of knowledge, understanding and forgiveness. Sometimes tricking an ancient spirit is the best step forward!

Suitable for all ages, Th'owxiya will visit Kelowna on Saturday, February 8, 2020. The performance will take place at 4 p.m. at downtown Kelowna's Rotary Centre for the Arts. Tickets for the show range from \$15 - \$25 and can be purchased [HERE](#).

The Rotary Centre for the Arts' Theatre Programming Coordinator, Karma Laccoff, believes the show will delight all who see it:

"Th'owxiya is a truly charming and engaging show. While its core audience is 6-12-year-olds, I genuinely believe it will have broad appeal and will be enjoyed by all who see it. I'm thrilled to

see Th'owxiya and Axis Theatre visit Kelowna and the Rotary Centre for the Arts. If you're young at heart or have a youngster you'd like to bring along, I highly recommend grabbing tickets to this show. You will not regret it! Tickets to this performance would also make an awesome Christmas gift!"

Get a taste for Axis Theatre Company's Th'owxiya here: <https://vimeo.com/261204022>

You can learn more about Axis Theatre Company via their [official website](#). Th'owxiya: The Hungry Feast Dish is by Joseph A. Dandurand.

The Rotary Centre for the Arts respectfully acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded, traditional territory of the syilx (Okanagan) people.

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About the Rotary Centre for the Arts

Located in the heart of Kelowna's Cultural District, the [Rotary Centre for the Arts](#) is a multidisciplinary visual and performing arts centre.

The RCA continually strives to improve the economic, cultural and social quality of life in the community by fostering the participation in, and appreciation of the arts.

As a world-class venue celebrating creative expression through diverse art forms and disciplines, the Rotary Centre for the Arts is a unique City of Kelowna facility in which individuals of all ages and backgrounds can come together to share in the excitement of strengthening art and culture in the Okanagan.

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