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**THE SWISS-FORMED TROUPE MUMMENSCHANZ PERFORMS
THE VISUALLY CAPTIVATING *MUSICIANS OF SILENCE*—
FEATURING THE MOST POPULAR AND IMAGINATIVE PIECES
FROM MORE THAN 40 YEARS**

***Mummenschanz Kicks Off the 2014-15 WOW! Series, Which Includes
The Scottish Music Parade and Cirque Mechanics***

LONG BEACH, Calif. – Having captivated audiences with its unique brand of visual theatre for more than 40 years, the Switzerland-based Mummenschanz makes its return to the Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center on the campus of Cal State Long Beach on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014 at 8pm with *Musicians of Silence*—highlighting more than four decades of creative endeavors and ground-breaking art form.

The New York Times described Mummenschanz as “for children who think they are adults and for adults who still believe they are children at heart.” The performers create inspiring and captivating illusions using colorful masks and incredible props, producing a magical world of possibilities without speaking any words.

The troupe creates a playful and memorable experience through an inventive use of forms, shadow and light and creative manipulation of sculptural, expressive masks. The result is a visually stunning spectacle of family entertainment that sparks the imagination and transcends cultural barriers.

Formed in Paris in 1972 by Swiss artists Bernie Schürch, Andres Bossard and Floriana Frassetto, the pioneering performance troupe has sought to create a non-verbal theatrical language that speaks to audiences of all ages and nationalities. The group had its breakthrough during a three-year Broadway run at the Bijou Theatre in New York from 1977 - 1980. Since then, Mummenschanz has toured continuously worldwide including Germany, Italy, Brazil, Australia and South Korea, among others.

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Mummenschanz kicks off Carpenter Center's 2014-15 WOW! Series, which also includes performances by The Scottish International Military Tattoo: the Scottish Music Parade on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015 and Cirque Mechanics: *Pedal Punk* on Saturday, Mar. 7, 2015.

Subscriptions and single tickets to each performance are still available and on sale now. Single tickets for Mummenschanz start at \$45, and subscriptions to all three events in the WOW! Series are \$99. For tickets and more information, visit www.CarpenterArts.org or call the Carpenter Center Ticket Office at (562) 985-7000. This series is made possible in part by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3FM.

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CARPENTER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER 2014-15 WOW! Series CALENDAR LISTING

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- Where: **Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center**
6200 Atherton St.
Long Beach, CA 90815
(On the campus of Cal State Long Beach)
- Tickets: **Call (562) 985-7000 | www.CarpenterArts.org**
Box Office Hours are Monday-Friday, 11am-6pm
Saturdays are closed except on season performance days from Noon – 4pm.
- What: The WOW! Series features performers displaying incredible physical feats and eye-popping wonders that will bring thrilling entertainment to the theatre. Kicking off the series is **Mummenschanz**—the renowned company originally founded in Paris with its clever, comic and bizarre world filled with strange creatures, amusing situations, astounding colors and imaginative shapes—on Oct. 25 with their show, **Musicians of Silence**. An evening of music from the heartland of Scotland blasts into the theatre on Jan. 31 with **Scottish Music Parade**, as an ensemble of bagpipers, drummers and other musicians—**The Scottish International Military Tattoo**—arrives direct from Edinburgh. Lastly, hailed by *Spectacle Magazine* as “the greatest contribution to the American circus since Cirque du Soleil,” **Cirque Mechanics** present their new show **Pedal Punk**—an industrialist aesthetic and rowdy Steampunk circus filled with unicycles that fly, wheel acrobats that hover, cyclists that whirl, pole climbers that soar and a trapeze artists that float on Mar. 7.
- Dates: Mummenschanz: *Musicians of Silence* Sat., Oct. 25, 2014 at 8pm
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