

Reg Lenna Civic Center To Host World-Class Events

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Three shows billed as the "best of their kind" are coming to the Reg Lenna Civic Center in Jamestown in 2001.

Mummenchanz, the Acting Company and a piece of Broadway are set to stage productions in the Civic Center.

Mummenchanz, the Swiss mime company, will be bringing its newest production, *Next*, to the Center at 8 p.m. Feb. 14. Mummenchanz performed to standing ovation crowds during 1985 performances in Jamestown.

Utilizing masks, large costumes and a great sense of playfulness, Mummenchanz touches the humor and soul of

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adults and children.

The performance is one of only 20 stops the company is making on its American tour.

There are no other performances scheduled within 200 miles of Jamestown.

On March 4, the Acting Company, which was founded by John Housman, will be at the Center performing a new adaptation of Willa Cather's *O Pioneer!*

The performance is the first installment of *The American Century*, a five-year program to commission, develop and produce new American plays adapted from classical American literature.

Civic Center officials, pending the response from the community, are looking to host all



O Pioneers will be at the Reg Lenna Civic Center March 4 in a production by the Acting Company. A full production of George Gershwin's *Crazy For You* is set for May 18.

the installments during the next five years.

The Acting Company is America's premiere touring theater ensemble and will also be performing Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors* for school audiences March 5.

Finally, on May 18, Broadway returns to the Center with a full production of George Gershwin's *Crazy for You*.

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