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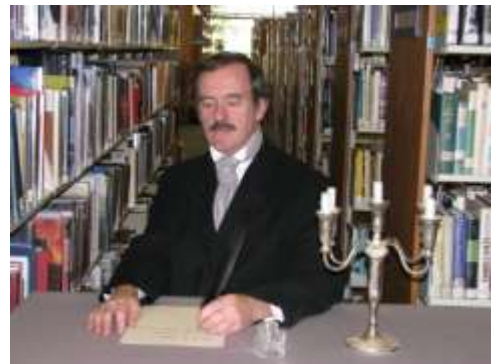
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“Edgar Allan Poe: The Poet’s Journey” Play by NW playwright Bryan Willis; enacted by Tim Hoban

Get a glimpse into the soul of Edgar Allan Poe when critically acclaimed actor Tim Hoban performs the Bryan Willis play, *The Poet’s Journey*. Visit with the master poet, critic and author as he woos subscribers for *The Stylus*, a new magazine he’s desperate to get started. A publisher has promised to launch the magazine, but only if Poe can guarantee 1000 readers.



Set in an 1849 literary salon, just a few months before his death, Poe shifts from charming conversation to recitations from his works, lectures on the state of American literature and diatribes on his despised contemporaries, Longfellow and Emerson.

The play will be presented at ten Timberland libraries and other venues throughout October as part of Timberland Regional Library’s sixth annual one book-one community program, *Timberland Reads Together (TRT): The Tales & Poems of Edgar Allan Poe*. The opening performance is on Monday, October 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts, Olympia. The event is free, no tickets required.

Hoban is a native of Tacoma and an accomplished actor who has appeared on television, radio, and stage from the Northwest to the United Kingdom. His Web site is www.oceanfalling.com.

Edgar Allan Poe: The Poet’s Journey was written by Pacific Northwest playwright Bryan Willis. It premiered in 1998 in McCleary, Washington. Willis’s plays have been produced world wide. His work has also been featured on NPR and BBC Radio.

All TRT events—90 performances, story and poetry discussions, POEtry reading contests, arts, activities and movies are free; no reservations or tickets are required. For more information, go to www.TRL.org or call 704-4636 in Olympia area or 1-800-562-6022.

Opening Event

Monday, October 4, 7 to 9 p.m.

LOCATION: Washington Center for the Performing Arts, Olympia. This performance of *The Poet's Journey* will be preceded by the announcement of the 2010 Northwest Playwrights Alliance Poetry Contest winners who will recite their winning poems.

Nine more performances of *The Poet's Journey* with Tim Hoban, listed by county & date:

Grays Harbor County

Sunday, October 10, 2 to 3 p.m.

[Hoquiam Timberland Library](#)

The event takes place while library is closed; no library services will be available.

Thursday, October 14, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

[McCleary Timberland Library](#)

Lewis County

Tuesday, October 5, 1 to 2 p.m.

[Mountain View Timberland Library \(Randle\)](#)

Tuesday, October 5, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

[Centralia Timberland Library](#)

Wednesday, October 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

[Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library](#)

Mason County

Tuesday, October 12, 2 to 3 p.m.

[Hoodsport Timberland Library](#)

Tuesday, October 12, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

[Shelton Timberland Library](#) (William G. Reed Public Library)

Pacific County

Saturday, October 9, 6 to 7 p.m.

[Raymond Timberland Library](#)

LOCATION: The Hannan Playhouse, 518 8th St., Raymond.

Thurston County

Friday, October 15, 3 to 4 p.m.

[Tumwater Timberland Library](#)

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Timberland Regional Library provides for the information, reading and lifelong learning needs of the Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston county public at 27 community public libraries and 7 library service partner locations. The library system is funded mainly by local property taxes. Anyone needing special accommodations to participate in a library's program may contact the library one week in advance.