Ben Kemper's SUMMER Storytelling Series 2013

Ben Kemper has been telling stories since he was nine years old, representing Idaho in national competitions. He writes short stories and has apprenticed with the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, acting in several professional productions. He wrote these tales with the support of a grant from the Boise City Department of Arts & History, the youngest recipient ever to be awarded a grant. He is currently a student at Northwestern University.

The Old Country

A Basque immigrant and a maid in a boarding house forge a new home among hardy Idaho sheep herders and find themselves embroiled in the latest bloody chapter of the Range Wars.

New Year's

On a dark and dreary Chinese New Year's, Chuck Ah Fong, Boise premiere pharmacist, Billy Wy, the silver-tongued defender of his countrymen's rights, and Ai Schinn, a humble gardener, await the heavy tide of history.

As the Good Book Says

Boise's black community knits itself together through faith, trust, and willingness to stand together against the city's closest brush with evil.

Starved for Stories

Long after the Shoshone and Bannock peoples had been driven from their home, in the midst of war and famine, a solitary storyteller returns to the first people's most sacred spot in desperation.

The Measure of a Mule

Jesus Urquides, hero of Idaho's mining towns and patriarch of Spanish Village, muses over his forgotten legacy remembering the great wrongs and kindnesses from his past.

June 28, 7 pm
Prospector Room, Museum; *The Old Country* & *New Year's*
June 29, 10 am
Lewis & Clark Pavilion, outside in Pioneer Village; *The Old Country* & *New Year's*
June 29, 2 pm
Lewis & Clark Pavilion, outside in Pioneer Village; *As the Good Book Says* & *Starved for Stories*
July 6, 10 am
Lewis and Clark Pavilion, outside in Pioneer Village; *The Measure of a Mule* & *As the Good Book Says*
July 6, 2 pm
Lewis & Clark Pavilion, outside in Pioneer Village; *The Old Country* & *New Year's*
July 27, 10 am
Lewis & Clark Pavilion, outside in Pioneer Village; *As the Good Book Says* & *The Measure of a Mule*
July 27, 2 pm
Lewis & Clark Pavilion, outside in Pioneer Village; *The Old Country* & *New Year's*
August 17, 10 am
Old Idaho Penitentiary Garden; *As the Good Book Says* & *The Measure of a Mule*

All performances are free and open to the public.

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