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Who

ReThink Theatrical is proud to present the **Anansi Story Festival!**

What

ReThink Theatrical presents Anansi's Story Festival, an interactive theatrical production that explores and celebrates historical figures, myths, urban legends, and folklore from New Jersey and around the world. Join our emcee and Storyteller-in-Chief, Anansi the Spider, who needs your help deciding the fate of humanity!

Where

Set in the historic East Jersey Old Town Village in Piscataway, NJ, this immersive production explores the Village's beautiful architecture while complementing the timelessness of these classic tales. Audience members will roam and discover characters inspired from cultures rooted in New Jersey. Set in the crisp November air, this experience will be like none other.

When

Sunday November 7th at 1 pm and 3 pm

Saturday November 13th at 1 pm and 3 pm

Sunday November 14th at 1 pm and 3 pm

How

Reserve your tickets at rethinktheatrical.org/anansi

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Story Descriptions

The fate of humanity is in your hands!

We begin our story with a battle between a River God and the Sun Goddess, Saule, who are debating whether to flood all of humanity for their wrongdoings. With the two unable to make a decision, Anansi the Spider enters the scene and offers up three stories from human history and folklore to help make the decision easier. It's up to you, our audience, to listen to these stories and help decide the fate of the world.

The Jersey Devil and el Chupacabra become friends

The year is 1735 in the New Jersey Pine Barrens, and Mama Leeds just gave birth to her thirteenth child who turns out to be the cursed Jersey Devil! But despite what you've heard, this creature started his life kind, scared, and looking for a home in this world. See what happens when our unusual hero gets a visit from el Chupacabra, who helps him find his way back to his family.

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A Cuban Revolutionary seeks help from a mystical fellow

Mariana Grajales is tending to soldiers on both sides of Cuba's War of Independence in a tent during the war in 1878. A Spanish soldier lies sick in a cot and she confronts a moral decision on whether she should save her enemy. El Curandero, a spiritual healer, visits her tent and offers not only his powers, but his wisdom to help Mariana make her choice.

A fierce feminist seeks revenge with help from Baba Yaga

A local politician ruins Mary Ellis's garden to construct a street in New Brunswick, NJ in 1775. Enraged by this act and other political structures biased against women, our hero seeks revenge on the man who ruined her prized possession. She is visited by Baba Yaga, a Slavic sorceress, who tries to convince her to take out her anger in a gruesome way. Find out what Mary decides and help her seek justice.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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New Brunswick, NJ (October 22, 2021) — ReThink Theatrical presents *Anansi Story Festival*, an interactive theatrical production that explores and celebrates historical figures, myths, urban legends, and folklore from New Jersey and around the world.

With the historic East Jersey Old Town Village in Piscataway, NJ as a backdrop, this immersive production explores the Village's beautiful architecture while complementing the timelessness of these classic fates. Audience members will roam the grounds and discover characters drawn from various cultures rooted in New Jersey. The entire production is designed and performed by local artists with eclectic backgrounds and artistic specialities. This production is recommended for adults and children age 10 and up for references to war and violence.

Tickets are available now at rethinktheatrical.org/anansi, and as always, tickets for ReThink Theatrical shows are free to the public, but a suggested donation of \$10 is welcome when registering for tickets through the link above or our online donation system. All donations will go towards our mission of bringing accessible art to the Middlesex County community.

Performances will be Sunday, November 7th, Saturday, November 13th and Sunday, November 14th at 1 pm and 3 pm each day. Any questions about ticketing should be directed to boxoffice@rethinktheatrical.org. Those who are interested in ReThink Theatrical's mission are also welcome to refer to our website: ReThinkTheatrical.org or follow us on Instagram and Twitter @ReThinkTheatre for more updates!

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About Rethink Theatrical

ReThink Theatrical is a registered 501(c)3, non-profit organization that provides free and accessible storytelling to local communities. With an educational and creative approach. Our goal is to produce professional quality theater for everyone.

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