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Portland puppeteers, Bob and Jennifer Williams will present three plays at areas colleges this week (April 23-30) and will give a number of lecture-demonstrations to elementary and high school students in the Olympia community.

Performances of the play are scheduled at St. Martin's College, April 24, at 7:30 p.m., at Centralia College, April 28, at 2 p.m; and at The Evergreen State College April 30 at 8 p.

Lecture demonstrations will be given by the Williams at North Thurston's Lacey, and Lakes Grade Schools and Timberline High School, April 24, and at Olympia's Washington Junior High, McKinley Elementary, and Pioneer Elementary, April 30.

"The Serpent King and the Throne of Light," is the title of the play to be performed at the three colleges. Based on the mythology and folklore of ancient Persia, the hour-long play stars two dozen puppets, all made by the Williams from wood, fabric and papier-Mache.

The play was researched, written, designed and directed by the Portland couple. The Williams, who have worked with puppets for six years, have performed at the Portland Art Museum and at Cannon Beach, on the Oregon coast. They also have received two summer grants from the National Endowment for the Arts to perform free children's theater in Portland area parks.

Both puppeteers are graduates of Olympia High School. Mr. Williams attended Centralia College and the University of Washington and has taught at Portland State University. Mrs. Williams also attended Centralia College, as well as Western Washington State College and Portland University. She designs lighting for the Portland Dance Theater and others, and makes dolls which have been sold throughout the United States.

All of their appearances are presented to the public free of charge by Eye-5

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