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ACTIVITY GUIDE

Rich Shiomi – Mu Performing Arts:

Writing/Essay/Journal

Rick Shiomi, Artistic Director of Mu Performing Arts, describes their mission as "Promoting arts, equality, and justice by revealing the heart of the Asian-American experience." Their version of *Into the Woods* integrates Asian costumes, scenery and culture. Write a brief version of your favorite folk or fairy tale.

Activity

Think about the meaning of your tale in terms of the culture it represents. Now, re-work it to reflect the *heart* of another culture. Would the characters dress and act differently? Would the objects they use change? Most importantly, would the message of the tale change?