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Daniel Llords, world renowned marionettiste, will present a special rendition of "The Firebird Suite" by Igor Stravinsky at 3 p.m. Wednesday (July 31) in the UMD Bull Pub.

The ballet, in Prologue and Four Episodes, will be presented as conceived and choreographed by Llords for appearances as guest artist with symphony orchestras throughout the United States.

Marionettes used in the production come from a company of nearly 800, all of which were single-handedly created by Llords, who does a number of interpretations from the ^{Classics} classics for adult audiences.

"The Firebird Suite" is a Russian folktale adapted to the marionette stage. It relates the basic conflicts between good and evil. Goodness is represented by the multicolored, iridescent Firebird and evil is personified by the ogre, Katschei, whose soul is encasedⁱⁿ a large egg attended by dozens of faceless phantoms.

The UMD program is sponsored by the Convocations and Lectures Committee. It is open to the public and admission is free.

Llords will present the entire production on a special stage that allows the audience to see his hands while they work the marionettes' strings. Special stage effects include smoke curtains, fountains and electrical skyrockets.