

# MILLERCOMM97

## Spiderwoman Theatre of New York City

*Lisa Mayo, Gloria Miguel,  
and Muriel Miguel*

# Storyweaving Storytelling, Oral Tradition, and Collective Creation

Spiderwoman Theater, consisting of three Kuna/Rappahannock sisters, Lisa Mayo, Gloria Miguel, and Muriel Miguel, is the oldest continually running women's theater company in North America. They take their name from the Hopi goddess of creation, Spiderwoman, who taught the people to weave and said, "You must make a mistake in every tapestry so that my spirit may come and go at will."

Spiderwoman has prophetic insight into the future, speaks all languages, and by way of being a spider is ever present to give and to guide. The women call their technique of working "storyweaving," and they create designs and weave stories with words and movement weaving an overlay of interlocking stories where fantasy and power are comically intertwined. In this presentation the sisters will discuss the process of "storyweaving" and the philosophies incorporated within it.

For information on other public events during Spiderwoman's week-long residency at Unit One, please call 333-8351.

For more information about the MillerComm lecture, please consult <http://www.cas.uiuc.edu/millercomm.html>

Or call the Miller Events Line at 333-1118

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Wednesday 4:00 p.m.

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