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A NATIVE AMERICAN TELLING -- John Kauffman’s death four years ago didn’t quiet the Native American tale he had revived in 1987, a commissioned work by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The tale, "According to Coyote," has been brought back to the stage by Kauffman’s sister, Carlotta Kauffman, a Nez Perce tribal member. She will perform the work Friday, Sept. 23, in The University of Montana’s Urey Lecture Hall, as part of native American day on UM’s Missoula campus. John Kauffman had written and performed the Plains Indians tale -- a legend of Earth’s creation and the coyote’s role as teacher and trickster -- throughout the United States until his death from AIDS in 1990.

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