

PETER ZAPLETAL

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EDUCATION

Academy of Performing Arts, Prague, Czech Republic
Degree: Magistrate/Master of Arts Major: Puppetry

EXPERIENCE

Artistic Director - Puppet Arts Theatre, Jackson, MS, 1971 to present.

Director of Production - Mississippi Educational Television, May 1, 1997 to June 30, 2003.

Executive Producer, Senior - Mississippi Educational Television, September 1, 1991 to April 30, 1997.

Producer/Director/Animator/Puppeteer - Mississippi Educational Television, February 1, 1971 to August 31, 1991.

Director - Empire State Puppet Theatre, New York, 1967 to 1971.

Puppeteer, State Puppet Theatre, Zilina, Slovakia, 1966 to 1967.

PROGRAMS NATIONALLY TELECAST

Peter and the Wolf, Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), Christmas Special, 1972 and 1976. Producer/Puppeteer.

Puppets and the Poet, PBS Special, 1973. Producer.

Beauty and the Beast, PBS Special, 1973, 1974, 1975 and 1976.
Co-author/Producer/Puppeteer.

The Steadfast Tin Soldier, Southern Educational Communication Association Network (SECA) 1977. Puppet special narrated by Burl Ives.
Producer/Puppeteer.

Sleeping Beauty, IPS Satellite Service, Puppet special, 1980. Producer/Editor.

Bolero, PBS ballet special choreographed by Thalia Mara, 1981.
Producer/Director/Editor.

Othello, IPS Satellite Service, ballet special choreographed by John Butler.
Special Effects/Editor.

INSTRUCTIONAL and SPECIAL TELEVISION PROGRAMS

The Math Factory, 30-program puppet series. Puppeteer.

About Safety, 48-program puppet series. Producer/Director.

The Clyde Frog Show, 10-program puppet series. Producer/Director.

The Flying Trunk, puppet special. Producer/Puppeteer.

The Measuring Show, six-program series with Mary Ann Mobley.
Co-Producer/Co-Director.

Pennywise, 12-program ITV economic education series.
Producer/Director.

Flower and Hawk, opera special.
Producer/Director.

Jackson Symphony in Concert, special. Producer/Director.

Madrigals of Love and War, special. Producer/Director.

Mississippi: Today & Tomorrow, four-program ITV series.
Executive Producer/Director/Animator/Editor.

Write Right, 10-program GED series. Producer/Electronic Graphics.

Classical Miniatures, five shorts. Producer/Puppeteer/Editor.

The Magic Place, 15-program series for kindergartens.
Producer/Animator/Editor.

The Magic Carpet and Other Tales, special narrated by Mason Adams with
puppets after Walter Anderson and script by Ellen Douglas.
Producer/Co-Director/Editor/Animator.

Marie Hull: Her Changing Canvas, 30-minute documentary about a prominent regional painter. Producer/Director/Editor/Special Effects.

Symphony at Sundown with Toni Tennille, one-hour special with Mississippi Symphony, live on tape. Director/Editor.

Mississippi Driver's Manual, program for reading impaired student drivers. Producer/Director/Electronic Graphics and Animation Designer/Writer.

Artifacts, a monthly arts magazine show.
Executive Producer.

Mississippi Roads, 10-program series about people and places in Mississippi.
Executive Producer.

Inauguration '92, two-hour live coverage of the inaugural activities.
Executive Producer for Broadcast/Program Opener Director, Designer and Editor.

Funnybones, eight-program health education series. Executive Producer/Animation and Puppet Sequences Director.

Ticktock Minutes, 45 shorts, public service announcements for children.
Executive Producer.

GeoScout, four-program geography education series. Executive Producer.

Media Mania, four-program library education series. Executive Producer.

3, 4, and More: Teaching the Science Standards, four-program ITV staff development series.
Executive Producer.

Shall We Dance, 1998 and 2002, live coverage of the International Ballet Competition Gala Evening. Executive Producer.

Dancers, 2002 International Ballet Competition documentary.
Executive Producer.

SELECTED SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

The Puppeteers of America (PofA) Award - for high standards and continued excellence in puppetry.

Creative Production Award, Southern Educational Communications Association, (SECA) - Peter and the Wolf.

Creative Production Award, SECA - Beauty and the Beast.

Ohio State Award - The Math Factory.

Merit Award, Chicago International Film Festival - The Flying Trunk.

Merit Award, Virgin Island International Film Festival - The Steadfast Tin Soldier.

Silver Medal, Chicago International Film Festival - The Steadfast Tin Soldier.

Design Award, National Association of Educational Broadcasters - The Steadfast Tin Soldier.

Ohio State Award - The Measuring Show.

Best Instructional Design, SECA - The Measuring Show.

Chris Plaque, Columbus Film Festival - Pennywise.

Chris Plaque, Columbus Film Festival - Othello.

Silver Medal, Chicago International Film Festival - Othello.

Creative Production Award , SECA - Othello.

Best Public Television Program, SECA - Othello.

Best Instructional Design, SECA - The Magic Place.

Golden Eagle Award, CINE - The Magic Place.

Media Broadcast Award, San Francisco State University - The Magic Place.

Silver Award, Corporation for Public Broadcasting - The Magic Place.

Trustees Award, The Puppeteers of America - for outstanding service to the PofA.

EMMY Award nominee, National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Atlanta Chapter - Marie Hull: Her Changing Canvas.

Bronze Apple, Funnybones.

EMMY Award nominee, National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Atlanta Chapter - Funnybones.

Chris Plaque, Columbus Film Festival - Funnybones.

EMMY Award, National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Atlanta Chapter - Ticktock Minutes 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999.

Silver Circle Award, National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Atlanta Chapter - for twenty-five years of excellence in television puppetry.

National EMMY Award, National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, New York - Ticktock Minutes 1999.

Chris Award, Columbus Film Festival - Ticktock Minutes 1999.

NETA Award, National Educational Telecommunication Association - Ticktock Minutes 2000.

CINE Award - Ticktock Minutes 2002.

National EMMY Award nominee, National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, New York - Ticktock Minutes 2002.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Stage Director and Puppet Maker for *The Golem*, world premiere, The Millsaps Players, Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., 2006

Stage Director and Puppet Maker for *Hansel & Gretel*, The Millsaps Players,

Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., 2004

Stage Director for Gian Carlo Menotti's *The Telephone* and *The Medium*, Opera South production, Jackson State University, Jackson, Miss., 1986.

President of Union Internationale de la Marionette - USA, Inc., 1983-85.

Artistic Director for the *International Festival of Puppeteers of America*, 1985.

Chairman of the Review Panel and Artistic Coordinator for *1980 World Puppetry Festival*, Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, Washington, DC.

Artistic Director for the *National Festivals of Puppeteers of America*, 1977 and 1978.

Festival Director - *Puppetry Jam: Performing Arts Festival for Children* - annual festivals, 1987 - 2014. Mississippi Puppetry Guild project.

PUPPET ARTS THEATRE

Puppet Arts Theatre is a professional children's theatre touring company that is devoted to bringing exciting and memorable performances to children and adult audiences alike. Puppet Arts Theatre, under the direction of Peter Zapletal, derives its style from European tradition blended with the multi-cultural influences of the present. This humorous and poetic style of presentation stimulates a child's imagination with its blend of art, education and entertainment. Audiences from New York to Tampa, Boston to Atlanta, among many, have been enchanted by the Puppet Arts Theatre's delightfully magical theatrical presentations.

Puppet Arts Theatre was selected for the Southern Arts Federation Touring Program, 1988/89 and 1989/90.

Puppet Arts Theatre has been on the Performing Arts Touring Roster of the Mississippi Arts Commission since its inception.

REPERTOIRE

The Adventure of Momotaro, Japanese folk tale, Children's Theatre Presentation - Puppet Arts Theatre, Producer/Director/Animator, 2015

'Twas the Night Before Christmas, Children's Theatre Presentation - Puppet Arts Theatre, Producer/Director, 2013

Trickster Tales, starring Anansi the Spider, Children's Theatre Presentation - Puppet Arts Theatre, Producer/Director, 2013

Junie B. in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells! Children's Theatre Presentation - Puppet Arts Theatre, Producer/Director, 2012

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters, Children's Theatre Presentation - Puppet Arts Theatre, Producer/Director, 2009

Pinocchio, Children's Theatre Presentation - Puppet Arts Theatre, Producer/Director. developed under Performing Arts Fellowship Grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission, 2008.

The Bremen Town Musicians, Children's Theatre Presentation - Puppet Arts Theatre, Producer/Director. Developed under the grant from the Arts Alliance of Jackson and Hinds County, 2004.

The Toad Prince, Children's Theatre Presentation - Puppet Arts Theatre. Producer/Director, developed under Performing Arts Fellowship Grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission, 2002.

Carnival of the Animals, Children's Theatre Presentation - Puppet Arts Theatre. Producer/Director/Writer, commissioned by Mississippi Symphony, 2000.

Sahara Zoo, Children's Theatre Presentation - Puppet Arts Theatre. Producer/Director/Writer. Developed under the grant from the Arts Alliance of Jackson and Hinds County.

The Nutcracker Suite, Children's Theatre Presentation - Puppet Arts Theatre. Producer/Director/Writer. Developed under the grant from the Artist Fellowship Grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission.

The Snow Queen, Children's Theatre Presentation - Puppet Arts Theatre. Producer/Director/Writer.

The Fisherman & His Wife, Children's Theatre Presentation - Puppet Arts Theatre. Producer/Director/Writer/Puppeteer. Developed under the grant from the Arts Alliance of Jackson and Hinds County.

The Princess & the Pea, Children's Theatre Presentation - Puppet Arts Theatre.
Producer/Director/Writer.

Peter & the Wolf, Children's Theatre Presentation - Puppet Arts Theatre.
Producer/Director.

Three Golden Oranges, Children's Theatre Presentation - Puppet Arts Theatre.
Producer/Director.