

North, South, East, & Jim West

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“Little One” Music by Stravinsky, Ravel, Debussy

“Anansi the Spider” traditional African folk music

“The Chinese Dragon” Music by Puccini, from *Turandot*

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JIM WEST graduated from Otterbein College with a degree in drama, and he continued his studies in New York at the Herbert Berghof Studio and at Parsons School of Design. He developed and performed the shadow puppets for the Metropolitan Opera's production of *Manon* and has appeared on “Mister Rogers' Neighborhood,” introducing Fred Rogers and countless children to the art of creating hand shadows. For many years, Jim worked with award-winning puppeteer, Marshall Izen. Together, Jim and Marshall co-authored *Why the Willow Weeps*, a Doubleday picture book, and recently won the Parents Choice Award for *The Dog Who Sang at the Opera*, a picture book for Harry Abrams Publishers. For over twenty years, Jim has performed nationally before hundreds of thousands of children. His current repertoire includes *Aesop's Fables*, *Animal Crackers*, *Mozart*, *Monsters & Matisse*, *Pop-Ups*, *Puppets & Parades*, *Dinosaurs!*, and his newest creation, *Aesop's Fables II*.