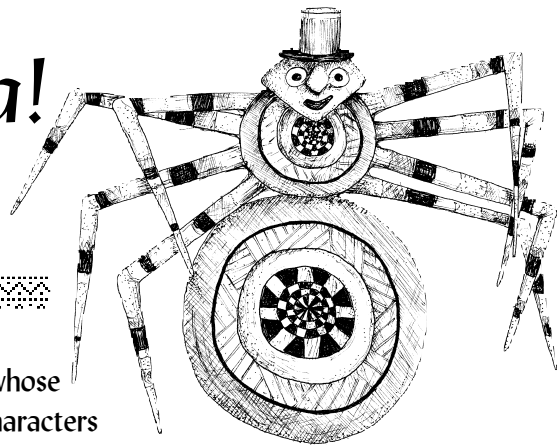
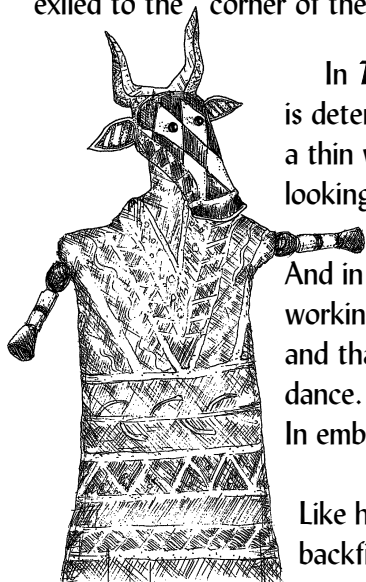


Crabgrass Puppet Theatre presents:
Anansi, Spiderman of Africa!
A Tangled Web of Trickster Tales



A side-splitting selection of folktales from Africa starring Anansi the Spider, whose appetite always overrules his intellect. Anansi is one of the classic trickster characters in world folklore. These comical African folktales are both entertaining and instructive; because he puts his own desires ahead of the needs of his community, Anansi often ends up exiled to the corner of the room.

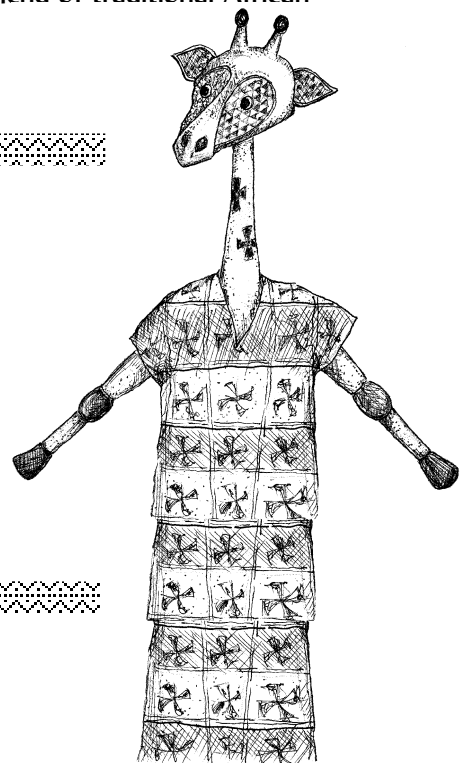


In *Two Feasts for Anansi*, two neighboring villages are having feasts on the same day, and Anansi is determined to go to both. But his cleverness backfires, and instead of a full belly, he winds up with a thin waist! In *Anansi and the Magic Rock*, Anansi discovers the magical properties of a funny-looking rock, and uses the rock to trick Giraffe, Antelope and Elephant out of their food. But Rabbit is watching Anansi's antics. She tricks the trickster — and everyone gets their food back. And in *The Hat-Shaking Dance*, Anansi is much more interested in stealing some lunch than in working with the other animals. He finds himself having to pretend that his hat *isn't* full of hot stew, and that he's only hopping up and down and shaking his head because he's just invented a new dance. Eventually he has to spill the beans and reveals his newly bald head. His hair is all burned off! In embarrassment, he scuttles off into the corner, where you can find Spider to this day.

Like his trickster cousins, Brer Rabbit, Raven, and Coyote, Anansi is full of schemes that often backfire and leave him worse off than ever. But Anansi never stays down for long — his vitality and irrepressible sense of fun have kept him playing tricks for hundreds of years! These hilarious stories are brought to life by the award-winning Crabgrass Puppet Theatre with a dynamic blend of traditional African design, infectious music and fabulous puppetry.

RECOMMENDED AUDIENCE: K-3 and family audiences
AUDIENCE SIZE: Up to 500
PERFORMANCE TIME: 45 minutes
STAGE SIZE: Minimum 16' wide/ 10' deep/ 9' ceiling height

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