

CRABGRASS PUPPET THEATRE

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For Immediate Release:

Crabgrass Puppet Theatre performs “**Anansi, Spiderman of Africa!**”

“**Anansi, Spiderman of Africa!**” is a sidesplitting 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. 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 **Crabgrass Puppet Theatre** with a dynamic blend of traditional African design, infectious music and fabulous puppetry.

Jamie Keithline and Bonny Hall formed Crabgrass Puppet Theatre in San Francisco in 1982 and have delighted audiences across the nation with their whimsical humor and puppetry. Now residents of Halifax, Vermont, they continue to tour throughout the U.S., performing in schools, museums and theaters. Their performing venues have included the Detroit Institute of Art, the Smithsonian, Paper Mill Playhouse, Tribeca Performing Arts Center, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. In 2001, they were awarded an UNIMA-USA Citation of Excellence for “**Anansi, Spiderman of Africa,**” the highest honor in American puppetry, and they were honored again in 2005 with a Citation for “**The Bremen Town Musicians.**”

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