

Mp3 Jonathan Kruk - The Rainbow Dragon



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Inspired by dragon traditions and classic faerie tales, *The Rainbow Dragon* gives families four adventures, dramatically performed by master storyteller Jonathan Kruk, showing how inner goodness may overcome woe to create wonder. 14 MP3 Songs KIDS/FAMILY: Children's Storytelling, SPOKEN WORD: Storytelling Details: Born an army brat in El Paso Texas, raised in Katonah, Jonathan Kruk grew up on tall tales and day dreams. He began telling tales to soothe his rambunctious brother at bedtime. Now, he considers it a blessing to give hundreds of performances and workshops each year. Jonathans noted for engaging children with theatrical fairy tales, colonial history, and curricular based school performances. Varying his voice, he creates characters from ogres, to grandmothers and even fish! When Jonathan turns his hands into animals, children follow. His performances feature finger fables, Revolutionary heroes, galloping ghosts, medieval skits, talking trees, rainbow dragons, plus witches who knot their noses to stop them from running. Jonathan graduated from Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA with a degree in English, without career plans. Driving a Volkswagen beetle, he saw the USA. Then, he worked as a shoe clerk, camp counselor, mason tender, and as Henry Kissinger's office plant waterer. Following the muse, Kruk traveled to London studying educational drama, performed ritual theater with Gabrielle Roth, started his own horticulture business, and earned a Masters in Education at NYU in 1983. His first professional performance, *Legends and Lore of the Little People* at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, has been given every year since 1981. Jonathans performed for most of the school districts and major historic sites in metropolitan New York. Hes created programs for preschools, libraries, medieval fairs, and even a Madison Avenue Ad campaign. Kruk gave keynote performances for New York State Reading Association, Parents As Reading Partners, and the Native Plants Conference in PA. Jonathan emceed the Nassau Museum of Arts Culture Kids program, including the recent Red Grooms

exhibit. He is Historic Hudson Valleys Legend of Sleepy Hollow storyteller. He began his career as storyteller in residence for Freeport Schools, and The New Interdisciplinary Special Education Preschool, Medford on L.I. He became an artist educator in 1985 with the Westchester Arts Council, and 1986 with BOCES. Further, Jonathans performed at over 1000 children's birthday parties! The New York Times proclaimed Kruk as Westchesters intrepid storyteller for all his varied appearances. The Wall Street Journal described his performances of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow as thrilling ! Jonathans Storytelling Programs: All are tailored to each audience. Finger Fables for Squiggly Squirmers - with fingers turned into animals, young children listen. Olde Faery Tale Theater, - Interactive tales skits from Grimm, Anansi, and round the world New York's Local Lore - Historic fiction of Native, Colonial, Revolutionary, 19th century times Revolution on the River with folk singer Rich Bala - authentic songs stories of Revolutionary Hudson Medieval Manners Manors - Troubadour Jonathan offers stories, skits, a song, vocabulary Medieval True Myth - Middle High School muse inspired Greek and related mythology Holiday Tales - HALLOWEEN haunts and history. Decembers Traditions of Light Gifts. Shakespeare is Elementary - unadulterated scenes selected for grades 4-8, guided by actor/educators. CURRENT WORK - Over 250 bookings annually, more than any other storyteller in East. Acclaimed The Legend of Sleepy Hollow Storyteller for Historic Hudson Valleys Legend Weekend at Philipsburg Manor, enchanting thousands every year. Teaching artist for Early Stages, Inc. giving performances workshops on colonial New York City. The Hudson River Ramblers, Jonathan folk singer Rich Bala created an original show; The Life Times in Story Song of Alexander Hamilton for The New-York Historical Society. They received an \$8,000. grant from the Catskill Watershed Corporation to bring together city and country kids to understand the building of the NYC water supply system. Will present at the NYS Reading Association conference Learning through Literacy Will release two CDs The Rainbow Dragon and Barkface Rootnose on Berger Platters AWARDS PUBLICATIONS Filmed stories for the "Parables of Jesus" a Silver Burnett Ginn Religious CD series CD Revolution on the River with Rich Bala won Best of The Valley by Hudson Magazine. The Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Citizenship Medal. Published an article in The Hudson a book by The Poughkeepsie Journal, Anne Hutchinsons Story" Millennium Pub. book; Many Voices Anthology - Westchester Art Council National Foundation for the Humanities Grant He has appeared on PBS, the Food, History, Outdoor and National Geographic Channels., and WAMC, WHUD, WBNR, WCBS, and WVAR. Jonathan lives with his daughter Zosia, and wife Andrea in a cozy

cottage in Cold Spring on Hudson, where he bikes about the Highlands, practices yoga, and collects old bricks. He serves as a trustee for the Desmond/Fish Library, volunteers with the Boy Scouts and is Past President of the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. People who are interested in Robin Williams Danny Kaye should consider this download.

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