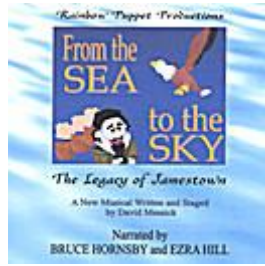


Mp3 Rainbow Puppet Productions - From The Sea To The Sky



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400 years of American history come to life from the story of Jamestown to NASA's exploits in space. told with original songs. narrated by Tuskegee Airman Ezra Hill and Grammy winner Bruce Hornsby. 18 MP3 Songs KIDS/FAMILY: Children's Storytelling, KIDS/FAMILY: Educational Show all album songs: From the Sea to the Sky Songs Details: Special guest narrators Grammy-Winner Bruce Hornsby and Tuskegee Airman Ezra Hill Historic Musical Themes performed by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Band at Fort Monroe (Please note that Bruce Hornsby graciously agreed to help narrate this production. He DOES NOT play the piano or sing on this CD. We are very thankful to Bruce Hornsby, Ezra Hill, the TRADOC Band, and all of the other artists who donated their performances to this project.) In 1607, Captain Christopher Newport and John Smith set sail from England searching for riches and adventure. What emerges is a new nation that struggled to find freedom and opportunity for all people. This story is told within the borders of the Virginia Peninsula. There's Pocahontas and Powhatan who see strangers take over the land of their ancestors. There's the settlers struggle to survive in Jamestown and the eventual move to Williamsburg. Patrick Henry helps us understand the reason for the Revolutionary War. After victory in Yorktown, the country struggles with slavery. That struggle explodes in Hampton where the first land battle of the Civil War is fought at Big Bethel. The Monitor and the CSS Virginia fight off of Hampton's shores and warfare changes forever. Benjamin Butler frees slaves in Hampton In Newport News, Collis P. Huntington's shipyard connects the United States with the world through industry while Ella Fitzgerald and Pearl Bailey touch the world through the arts. NASA Langley Research Center explores the sky and eventually helps America land on the moon. This is one of Rainbow's most ambitious productions and one that we have wanted to present for many years. While we haven't stopped

yet to count the puppets and props we know that we have never had so many speaking parts in a single show... 25 actors were brought in to portray four centuries of historic characters. Grammy-Winning Bruce Hornsby assists in narrating the story of his hometown and surrounding area. It is especially appropriate that he introduces the sequence on Ella Fitzgerald and Pearl Bailey. Bruce was inducted into the Virginia Legends of Music Walk of Fame at the same time as both Ella and Pearl. We are equally fortunate to have the kind assistance of the U.S. Army TRADOC Band provide traditional music to our telling of the Revolutionary War and Civil War segments. How appropriate, since so much of our Civil War portion of the show is told in and around Fort Monroe. The Civil War segment of the program is narrated by Tuskegee Airman Ezra Hill. A life long Peninsula resident, he recently was honored at the White House where he presented President and First Lady Bush a copy of his children's book about the exploits of the Tuskegee Airmen. The show officially opened on December 9, 2006 at the Williamsburg Library Theater.

Credits: Rainbow Puppet Productions Presents "From the Sea to the Sky" a new musical written and staged by David Messick, Jr. guest narrators Bruce Hornsby Tuskegee Airman Ezra Hill Sound engineer and musical arrangements by Steve Scheffler Traditional military music performed by The US Army Training and Doctrine Command Band, commanded by Captain Tod Addison Conducted by Executive Officer, Second Lieutenant Sharon Leopold. Cellist Elizabeth Yohn Vocal performers (in order of appearance) Robin Welch, Powhatan Kara Dennison, Pocahontas John Ericson, Captain Christopher Newport Tim Tharrington, the First Mate / Captain John B. Cary Steve Scheffler, the Tailor, additional narration Don Bartlett, John White, Settler from the Lost Colony / NASA flight commander Chris Bartlett, Eleanor Dare, Settler from the Lost Colony David Messick, Jr. Captain John Smith / the Importer Jim Stensvaag, the assistant to the Importer / the Northern Debater Mark Tiller, Patrick Henry Jason Wiedel, the Southern Debater Craig T. Adams, Benjamin Butler Norm Otto, Abraham Lincoln Peter Natale, commander of the USS Monitor James Spruill, commander of the CSS Virginia Gerri Hollins, Mary Peake Marvin Sylvest, Collis P. Huntington Sidnee Gamble, Kevin and Kavon Harrington, Joshua McQueen as Mary Peakes students Native American Puppets by Craig T. Adams Wooden puppets and props painted by Kathie Davis Wide mouth puppets by Jill Harrington Sculpted human puppets by Laura Huff Eagle puppet by Frank Lakus Props and set pieces by David Messick(Sr. and Jr.), Stephanie Messick, Anna Moyer Costumes by Regina Smith Rainbow Puppeteers Kathie Davis, Carrie Cavin, David Messick, Jr., Sarah Castle Historic Advisors Gerry Hollins, founder of the Contraband Slave Historical Society Anna

Holloway, Chief Curator USS Monitor Center at the Mariners Museum Dr. James Horne, Director of the Rockefeller Library at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, author of "A Land as God Made It" Powhatan Red Cloud-Owen (Chickahominy), Tribal Council Member and Visiting Specialist, Jamestown 2007 Dr. Jim Stensvaag, historian (retired) Casemate Museum of Ft. Monroe, editor of "From the Sea to the Stars" Karenne Wood (Monacan), Tribal Council Member and Chair, Virginia Council on Indians Special thanks to Laura Pass Barry, MSG Mark A. Hayward, Stephanie Heinatz, Wayne Pooley, Melissa Reagan We wish to thank the City of Williamsburg, York County, James City County, the Williamsburg Area Arts Commission and the York County Arts Commission for their generous support of this project.

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