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Randel McGee: Storyteller, Puppeteer, Ventriloquist, Artist

Randel McGee is an internationally recognized storyteller, teacher and artist. His two most popular acts are his comedy/ventriloquist act of **Randel McGee & Groark** and his portrayal of **Hans Christian Andersen**, the beloved storyteller.

Mr. McGee portrays **H. C. Andersen**, as he shares some of Andersen's most loved stories. Andersen's stories were full of satire and wit as well as fantasy characters and so can appeal to audiences of children and adults on many levels of understanding. Randel is also an accomplished paper cut artist and is able to produce fascinating pictures and designs as he tells some of the stories, just as Andersen himself did. Mr. McGee has performed as Andersen at storytelling venues from **New York to Hawaii**, **Seattle to Singapore**. He has been featured at many American/Scandinavian museums and events.

He has authored a series of paper craft books for children called **Paper Craft** <u>Fun for Holidays</u> published by Enslow Publishers, Inc. He served as an artist-inresidence, consultant, and teacher for the **California Arts Council**, the **California State Library, California State University - Fresno**, and the **Puppeteers of America**. He was the regional director for the Puppeteers of America, Inc. and was president of UNIMA-USA (an international puppetry organization). He is a member of the Puppeteers of America, Inc., UNIMA-USA, the National Storytelling Network, and the Guild of American Papercutters.

He and his wife Marsha are popular workshop and in-service teachers on how to use storytelling and puppetry in classroom and library settings. They are the parents of 5 children, who are all very good storytellers and artists in their own right.