

# ERIK KUSKA - PUPPETEER

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## EXPERIENCE

- **Youth Ambassadors** (Kansas City, MO) Puppeteer for three 'Sesame Street-esque' commercial spots, to serve as PSA's for the KC community.
- **Beatrix Girls** pilot / POPmedia (Los Angeles, CA) Assistant Puppeteer for Chantal and the other girls in the band. Due out in 2018!
- **5PUMPKIN5** (Los Angeles) Producer and performer for the creative performance group: 5PUMPKIN5. We do a series of shows to inspire creativity and goofiness for kids and their parents. Our first run of Halloween shows performed at the famous iO West in Hollywood.
- **Clean Water Program PSAs** (Alameda County, CA) 'Litter Hurts' campaign. Puppeteer for 'Egret.' Shot outside of Oakland, on location at a stream, drainage pipe, and a driveway to illustrate how human litter affects animals downstream.
- **MST3K** (Los Angeles, CA) Puppeteer for Tom Servo (mostly assisted Russ Walko), also performed Reptilicus and other bg characters. So much fun being a part of this fan favorite.
- **Garfunkel and Oates** (Los Angeles, CA) (uncredited) Puppeteer for 'Mr. Chocolate' and background characters on the 'Rainbow Connection' video ('Rule 34' episode). Also my puppets were featured on the Kate Micucci / Tony Thaxton music video: 'Puppets Understand.'
- **MTV's Greatest Party Stories EVER** (Los Angeles, CA) Puppeteer for Spencer, the principal character in EP 5 'The Greatest Gnome Story Ever'. Also performed background characters for Ep 10 'Greatest Snake Story Ever'. (Coney Island Sequences)
- **the Pee Wee Herman Show** (Los Angeles, CA) Puppeteer for 'Clocky' and 'Mr. Window.' Performed daily at the Nokia Live theatre, about 35 shows in 30 days. A fantastic experience supporting Paul Reuben's return as 'Pee Wee' after his 20 year hiatus.

## FESTIVALS, WORKSHOPS AND MORE

- **National Puppetry Festival** – Attended, performed and/or taught workshops at the last 4 National Festivals (2011, 2013, 2015, and 2017). Also attended the 2016 O'Neill National Puppetry Festival and the Santa Barbara Regional Fest in 2018
- **Puppetry Workshops** – Taught 'Beginning Puppetry,' 'Sketchwriting,' and 'Tv Puppetry' Workshops in Los Angeles, Minnesota and Connecticut.
- **Misc Shows** - Performed over 100 birthday party/musical puppet shows for all ages across Los Angeles. And over 20 regional Puppet Slams and Comedy nights.
- **Improv & Sketch Comedy** - Trained and performed at Groundlings, iO West, The Pack Theater, UCB, Second City, Improvatorium, & ACME. I design and build too!
- **Website and puppetry reel** – [www.erikkuska.com](http://www.erikkuska.com)