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## Drew Allison, Grey Seal Puppets

Drew Allison is the founder of Grey Seal Puppets. He is involved in all phases of production. For the past thirty years, Drew has performed regularly on television and stage including such venues as The Center for Puppetry Arts, The Smithsonian Institution, The Detroit Institute of Art, The Tampa Theatre and The Philadelphia Museum of Art. Sometimes he sits alone in the houses of these grand theatres, before the audience arrives, and listens to the quiet sounds that the theatre makes all on its own and he's happy he's a puppeteer.

- Drew was awarded The President's Award by The Puppeteers of America for outstanding achievement in the art of puppetry.
- Drew has received three prestigious UNIMA Citations of Excellence for Grey Seal Puppets' productions of ***A Show of Virtues***, ***Bathtub Pirates***, and ***Animal Farm***.
- Drew is the recipient of a Jim Henson Foundation ***Family Grant*** for his production of ***The Nightingale***.
- Drew has been selected to perform at two ***National Puppet Slams***.
- Drew co-authored ***The Foam Book: An Easy Guide to Building Polyfoam Puppets*** and is featured in ***The Foam Book DVD***.
- Drew is a **Certified Teaching Artist** with the South Carolina Arts Commission and with Engaging Creative Minds in Charleston, SC.
- Drew has served on the Board of both The Puppeteers of America and UNIMA-USA.
- Drew has worked on-camera in many roles for both broadcast, non-broadcast and feature film roles including "Elmo in Grouchland," "The Eyes of Tammy Faye," and "Spinal Tap II."