

Sam Derchie in

ANANSE STORIES



HSIE/ ENGLISH/ MUSIC/ DRAMA

The Music & Stories of Ghana

THE PERFORMER

Sam Derchie is a descendant of the Ashanti people of Ghana in West Africa. From the age of six, under the tutelage of his grandfather he was taught the storytelling art of “Anansesem” and the art of the Talking Drum. He is a multi-instrumentalist playing piano and many percussion instruments. After completing his studies of African Literature he worked as a professional musician and composer before migrating to Australia in 1982. He has toured the highly acclaimed “Ananse Stories” extensively throughout Australia and New Zealand.

THE PERFORMANCE

The **Ananse Stories** not only describes the exploits of the folkloric spider character “Ananse” in the forests of Ashanti through traditional storytelling, but also reveals many aspects of Ghanaian culture. The stories reinforce the central themes of the programme; problem solving through co-operation, knowledge is powerful when shared, people in communities have common needs and promises should be kept.

In traditional Ghanaian clothing, Sam introduces students to the simplicity of Ghanaian stories giving students an insight into the language, music, instruments and dance. He recalls anecdotes of family life and explores the traditional roles of the storyteller and master drummer of a small rural African village.

He explains and demonstrates the tradition of the Talking Drum and other percussive instruments. Throughout the show the audience accompanies Sam playing instruments, dancing and chanting. Sam’s rapport with students is both direct yet gentle. He leads the students into a world that they may otherwise never experience.

Curriculum: this programme supports the History and Geography syllabus including intercultural understanding and examining perspectives, beliefs and values of peoples past and present.

DURATION: 50 minutes		SUITABILITY: F-8	
PERFORMANCE COST		PERFORMANCE MINIMUM (120 STUDENTS)**	
Per Student	\$4.50	\$540.00 per performance	
GST	\$.45	\$ 54.00 GST	
Total inc gst	\$4.95	\$594.00 (incl. GST)	
**PLEASE NOTE EVERY STUDENT OVER 120 PAYS \$4.50 + GST			
Pre School Price: \$330 Inc. GST			