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Geffner and the dummy at Faust



Jonathan Geffner, a professional ventriloquist for over 24 years, recently led two days of workshops at for Hong Kong's Faust International Youth Theatre. On 20 February and 27 February, Geffner taught eager young performers the basics of ventriloquism in *Ventriloquism: The Secrets Revealed*.

The Faust International Youth Theatre is designed to introduce young people, ages 4 through 16, to different aspects of the performing arts. The programmes all promote theatre, performing arts and creativity while providing the children with a means to develop their

confidence, make new friends and learn about the importance of teamwork.

Geffner and his puppet partners have enchanted audiences of all ages. They have appeared on a number of television shows in the United States including: Late Night (NBC), Hour Magazine (FOX), The Joe Franklin Show (WOR), ABC-TV News and Dialogue (ABC).

He has also produced, written, directed and starred in 10 educational children's videos. Geffner recently relocated to Hong Kong from the United States.