



It's a question Jay Johnson hears often, at airports, in restaurants or just walking down the street. It's an obvious question to the millions of people who know Jay from television. In the four years Jay played the schizophrenic role of Chuck and Bob on the classic television comedy SOAP, Jay was seen without Bob no more than 2 minutes. After 30 years of performing and perfecting his talents Jay Johnson has truly become a one man duet.

It's a great compliment to Jay Johnson's artistic ability as one of the world's greatest ventriloquists, to have people ask about his wooden partners. But if you think he's just the straight man to a very funny stage act you're not even half right. Jay Johnson is like a 3-D poster. The longer you look and the harder you stare the more you see. There is much more to his talents than superficially perceived. The question then is not Where's Bob? but Who's Jay?

Jay started performing at 11 years old when he discovered his natural ability to make a cousin's doll come to life and began a career using his imagination. His acute dyslexia disappeared in this world of imagery where he was able to find his self esteem and compete. In high school he produced and starred in his own local television show sponsored by a car dealership. This led to summers performing in theme park shows at Six Flags over Texas, Six Flags over Georgia and Astroworld. The summer Jay graduated from high school he logged 918 performances at the Crystal Pistol theater at Six Flags over Georgia. (That's 10 shows daily for thirteen weeks) About the experience Jay says, After a summer like that you're either burned out or fired up... fortunately I got fired up.

In the mid 70's Jay moved to Los Angeles to pursue his ideas for television. To date he ha...

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