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A miniature city is created from medicine cabinets, desk lamps, Victorian dollhouses, and repurposed junk. Inside, amongst the tiny copper-wire trees and within the cramped bedrooms of the pocket-sized residents, puppeteer Zach Dorn reveals the miniature city's hidden stories. Equipped with video technology, Dorn sends digital cameras through the cardboard streets, projecting puppet performances for children and adults alike. This is *It Was the Coldest Year*, an immersive one-of-a-kind puppet spectacle originally created and performed at Pittsburgh's Children's Museum in 2012.

I encourage you to investigate the attached brochure and explore my personal website, where you may find many of my work samples and past productions. *It Was The Coldest Year* is ready to share its unique and captivating journey with audiences across The United States. All of the technical requirements, such as sound, lighting, and projection are self-contained and operated by the performer. For more information, such as a price quote to bring *It Was the Coldest Year* to your museum, feel free to send an inquiry to my email above.

Best Wishes,

Zach Dorn

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Synopsis

The snow held the small home like weeds, and as the Boy slept his soundless snores turned to ice, briefly, before melting into a puddle that grew larger and larger as the night grew older.

This is when he dreams of his father, who disappeared when the boy still shared the same breath as his mother. His mother claims it was a plane that flew too close to a fog and was never seen again. The Boy had never seen a photograph of his father, and because of this, he appeared in the Boy's dreams as objects. A flower. A scarf. A button.

During his morning walk to school, the Boy Discovers a path of these objects buried deep in the snow, leading him through a journey where he learns about his father, his past, and the wonder that surrounds even the coldest of towns.



Children's Museum of Pittsburgh: Artist Zach Dom



