

## The real Spider-men

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(Nicholas Godley and Simon Peers stand before the spider textile at the Art Institute of Chicago)

*The Golden Orb-Weaver spiders have taken five years to spin silk for two unique garments that will be displayed at London's Victoria & Albert museum starting this week.*

The Madagascar natives are headed for celebritydom thanks to the efforts of an American fashion designer and a British art historian

The idea of over a million spiders dancing gracefully as they spin golden silk seems the stuff of fairytales. But when British art historian and textile expert Simon Peers and American fashion designer Nicholas Godley joined forces in Madagascar five years ago, they must have believed that if they were to find success at what they were about to attempt, the results would be unbelievable.