

Summer Registration

Enrolling Early Ensures Your Spot in Class!

Our Summer schedule is now available on our website. Classes fill up **very** quickly, so book early to avoid disappointment! Please email us or phone the office to enroll in a class. You may pay either by calling the office with a credit card number, or by mailing us a cheque. A reminder: we *do not* accept cheques in class! Current enrollment in a class *does not* automatically guarantee your spot in the next session, so please phone well in advance.

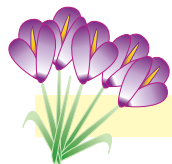
Robertson House Welcomes the Rainbow Songs Foundation!

Starting this spring, Kristina will be presenting a second round of high-quality music programming at Robertson House. Robertson House is a shelter that houses families with young children who would otherwise be living on the street. The programs are presented through the Rainbow Songs Foundation, a charity that is committed to bring high-quality music programs just like yours to children in need.



Launched in 2007, the Foundation has presented classes at Red Door Shelter, June Callwood Centre, and Robertson House Family Shelter. To get a sense of the impact these programs have had on the participants, the Robertson House Program Supervisor explains, music "is critical for our children who deal with high levels of stress due to changing care situations, family transience and negative experiences....The benefits of RSF's programs are life-altering." One mother writes about her experience: "The program allowed us to remember the important role of being moms [and to] experience our children's happiness."

For information to donate to Rainbow Songs Foundation go to:
foundation.rainbowsongs.com



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"Oh Baby!" Hits the Shelves Summer 2009

Rainbow Songs has been working hard at a brand-new CD of music for our baby classes! Dubbed "Oh Baby!", the album collects your favourite under-one songs from class and presents them in all-new mixes. Catch favourite tracks like Donkey Riding and Sittin' In My Highchair along with 20 other great songs. "Oh Baby!" features musical cameos from your favourite Rainbow Songs instructors.

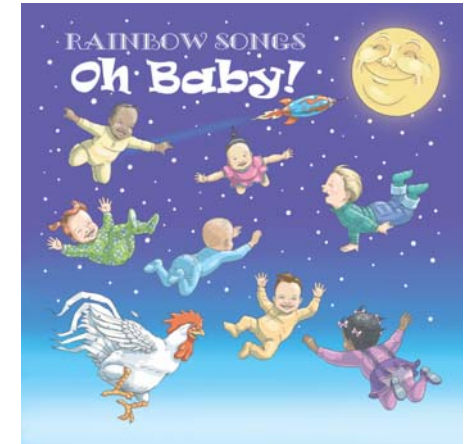
The CD is chock full of performances by renowned musicians from the Toronto area, as well as international guests!

"Oh Baby!" will be available in early summer from the Rainbow Songs Shop, which is online at shop.rainbowsongs.com.

Rock'n'Rainbow Plays CD Release Party

Rock'n'Rainbow is putting together a great CD release party for *Oh Baby!* The band is back in rehearsal this spring, practicing all their latest dance moves for the release. Be sure to keep an eye out for tickets! The CD Release Party is slated for midsummer. Rock'n'Rainbow has previously played to packed houses at venues like the Lula Lounge and the Gladstone Hotel. You can catch videos of their shows online at:

www.rainbowsongs.com/fun-stuff/fun-stuff/videos.html



Congratulations to Our Contest Winners!

This winter we ran a contest with one of our most popular winter songs! *Button It Up* by Kathy Reid-Naiman is a great song that helps us get dressed up for winter. Here are a couple of our favourite verses - you can find all the winning verses on our website in the Fun Stuff section.

I've got a toy, a fancy new toy
But I'm gonna play in the box. (clap clap)
I've got a toy, a fancy new toy
And I'm gonna play in the box. (clap clap)
Play in the box (clap clap) Play in the box
(clap clap)
I'm gonna play in the box!
Nadia Sapiro and Alfie

I'm slipping on my boots
My warm, cozy boots
And I'm gonna velcro 'em up.
Velcro 'em up (rrrrrip)
Velcro 'em up (rrrrrip)
I'm gonna velcro 'em up! (rrrrrip)
Jodie Lastman and Pippa

Welcome to Rebecca and Courtney!

Rebecca and Courtney are our newest additions to the Rainbow Songs team. Courtney holds a BFA in music from York University and is a specialist in jazz. Rebecca comes to us from a theater background, and holds a B.Ed. from Queen's University.

Sickness Policy

Spring is here, and with it a range of coughs and colds. Please remember to have consideration for your peers and fellow parents, and leave your child at home if they are experiencing symptoms such as a fever, rash, vomiting, or pink eye. You should visit your doctor if your child is experiencing any of these symptoms, as they are signs that your child could be contagious and could infect other people in the class.

Please make use of the **hand sanitizers** installed in all Rainbow Songs locations. Proper handwashing has a significant impact on the transmission of illness. If, in our opinion, your child is too ill to participate in Rainbow Songs, our teachers may ask you to leave the class. We want everyone to be happy and healthy when attending our classes, and your consideration for others is much appreciated!

Looking for Lyrics?

All the songs sung in Rainbow Songs classes are available online in our lyrics database!

www.rainbowsongs.com/lyrics-database

Special Theme Weeks

Earth Week: April 20 - April 25

As a celebration of spring and Earth Day, we will be singing several songs this week with eco-friendly themes.

Animal Week: June 1 - June 6

During Animal Week we will be singing songs about our favourite animals. You are encouraged to come to class dressed as your favourite animal. Don't worry if you don't have a costume; we'll have extra animal gear for everyone!

Featured Songs and Rhymes

I Am A Tree (Lorraine Lee Hammond)

This is my trunk, I'm a tall tall tree
In the Springtime the blossoms grow on me,
they open, they open.

This is my trunk, I'm a tall tall tree
In the Summer the breezes blow through me
I bend, I bend.

This is my trunk, I'm a tall tall tree
In the Autumn the apples grown on me
they drop, they drop

This is my trunk, I'm a tall tall tree
In the Winter the snowflakes fall on me
Brrrrrr... brrrrrr....

This is my trunk, I'm a tall tall tree
In the Springtime the blossoms grow on me,
they open, they open.

Trees Need the Sun (lyrics Mike Whittle)

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Trees need the sun
(make a circle with your arms for the sun)
Trees need the rain
(use your fingers to show rain)
Trees need the earth
(touch the ground with your hands)
It's always been that way.

Just like I need the sun
I need the rain
I need the earth
It's always been that way.

Just like you need the sun
You need the rain
You need the earth
It's always been that way.

Just like we need the sun
We need the rain
We need the Earth
It's always been that way.

Thunder pounding (lyrics Mike Whittle)

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Thunder pounding, thunder pounding
Crack Boom Bang! Crack Boom Bang!
Shhhhh.

Little falling raindrops,
Little falling raindrops,
Kiss the ground, kiss the ground.

Spanish:
Hoy hay tormenta, Hoy hay tormenta.
Mucho ruido, Mucho ruido.
Shhhhh!
Dulce lluvia, dulce lluvia.
Muy suave, muy suave.

