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SAMPLES FROM *DINOSTORY*: AVAILABLE NOW!!

We are excited to announce that, with an expected release date in the first half of 2011, Rainbow Songs is happy to offer you a sneak peak of the upcoming album, *Dinostory*.

Written and produced by Rainbow Song's Founder and Director, Mike Whitla, this cd follows the story of Terri, a baby tricertops, navigating through the late cretaceous period.

Featuring the voices of Mike Whitla (T-Rex), Jessica Vigars (Jenny the Ankylosaurus), Joshua Engel (Diplodicus) and introducing Emma Whitla as Terri, this album will be perfect for the older children in your life (ages 4 and up).

Dinostory brings together numerous musical genres for which the special talents of South Indian drumming master Trichy Sankaran, Jacksoul bassist J.K. and dobro virtuoso Ivan Rosenberg were enlisted.

To check out samples from this album, visit our sneak peak page at: http://www.rainbowsongs.com/dino.

More details, including a release date and track listings, will become available in the new year, so stay tuned!!

If you haven't already checked out our earlier albums, you can find these cds at our online store or from your Rainbow Songs instructor.

Winter Registration - Now Open! Enrolling Early Ensures Your Spot in Class!

Our Winter 2011 session schedule is now on our website with enrollment open through our online enrollment system. Classes fill up **very** quickly, so book early to avoid disappointment! Visit our website to create your personalized Rainbow Songs account (if you haven't already) and enroll. Current enrollment in a class does not automatically guarantee your spot in the next session, so **please ensure you register well in advance to reserve your space**.

It's Cold and Flu Season

Fall is the time for colds and flus. To keep everyone as healthy as possible, we'd like to remind you of a few simple guidelines.

If your child has a fever, rash, is vomiting, or has pink eye, please do not bring them to class. These are signs that your child is contagious and could infect others in the class.

For other signs of illness, please use your discretion when deciding whether to attend class. If *you* are sick and possibly contagious, please consider either missing the class, or arranging for another caregiver to bring your child.

We encourage you to use the hand sanItizers provided in each classroom. Regular use can drastically reduce the spread of illness.

Our sickness policy can also be found online under the heading "Policies".

Rainbow Songs Shop Holiday Sale - Saturday November 27

Visit the Rainbow Songs Shop on November 27, between the hours of 2pm-5pm and receive 15% off all merchandise purchases. This offer is valid only for instore purchases during these hours and while quantities last, so get there early!!

New Location in Forest Hill

We're happy to announce that beginning in our Winter 2011 session, we will now be offering classes at Forest Hill United Church located at Bathurst and Eglinton. Please check our online schedule for more details.

Special Theme Weeks

Halloween Week (Oct. 25th to 30th)

Celebrate Halloween with Rainbow Songs! This week we'll sing some scary songs. It's also a chance for you and



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your child to come dressed in your favourite scary costumes.

Animal Week (Nov. 22nd to 27th)

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!

Songs for Halloween

Five Little Pumpkins

Traditional

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate. The first one said, "oh my it's getting late."

The second one said, "there are witches in the air."

The third one said, "but we don't care!" The fourth one said, "let's run and run and run."

The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun!" OOOhh OOOhh went the wind

and out went the lights

and the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

I'm a Crazy Witch

Traditional

I'm a crazy witch, stirring up my brew. What will you give me to put in my stew?

I will give you _____. (ask for suggestions and keep adding to the list)

Walking in the Night

Mike Whitla (2007 Rock'n'Rainbow Music Publishing)

I went walking in the night.

Then I saw such a scary sight.

I saw a witch standing there with a big black hat.

And at her feet was a scary black cat. So I run and I run to get back to my house. And I hide in my bed like a scared little mouse.

I went walking in the night.

Then I saw such a scary sight.

I saw an owl in a tree it could see me too! Then all it said was hoot hoot hoot!!

There were bats all around and a grey wolf howled.

And the sound he made was just like OWW-WWW!!

I went walking in the night.

Then I saw such a scary sight.

I saw a ghost standing there, it shrieked and squealed.

But I'm not afraid 'cause that ghost ain't real. It's my friend with a sheet, I can be one too. Now I am the ghost and I'll scare you!! Now I am the ghost and I'll scare you!! Boo!!



Rainbow Songs Foundation: "Why I Volunteer"

Rainbow Songs Foundation (RSF) offers the same amazing music classes that your family enjoys to parents and children using shelter services across Toronto. Sheri Levy, a mom of two and a business and strategy consultant at Gartner Inc., took a few moments to share her RSF volunteer experience with us.

What made you decide to get involved with RSF?

"I took Rainbow Songs classes with my eldest daughter and I saw the incredible impact of these classes on her language development and her self-esteem. The opportunity to join RSF really spoke to me as a mom. It felt like a genuine and meaningful way to get more involved in the community."

What's been the most powerful experience you've had as a volunteer?

"I recently attended a class at Beatrice house to help run evaluations at the end of the session. It was incredible. There were about 15 kids in the group—babies to age 6—along with their moms. You could feel the excitement when the children ran into the class –it was like teenagers at a rock concert! At first, as the music started, everyone sat listening intently. But soon they were on their feet—dancing with each other, dancing with their moms. I realized I was witnessing pure enjoy-ment."

What's RSF up to this Fall?

"We'll be in three shelters, including Birkdale and Family Residence, which are both in Scarborough, and a fifth season at Beatrice House, in Toronto. The sessions at Birkdale and Family Residence augment the daycare programs run in both shelters—which gets music into the curriculum and boosts parent involvement. At Beatrice House, we run classes at the end of the day, which has been extraordinarily successful. As many parents know, those early evening hours can be so challenging and the RSF classes really help make this a special time for moms and their kids."

How has being an RSF volunteer touched your life?

"It has allowed me to see a different part of the community and helps me give something back in a tangible way. More than just writing a cheque, I've been able to connect to the difference RSF is making and to other moms in the community. It's added an important dimension to my life. "

Do Something Inspiring. VOLUNTEER FOR RSF.

RSF is currently recruiting BOARD MEMBERS and LEADERSHIP VOLUNTEERS with expertise in development, events, communications, PR and marketing. To find out more about this unique opportunity and make a difference that touches lives see our posting http://foundation.rainbowsongs.com/ad. To learn more about RSF visit: http://foundation.rainbowsongs.com.

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