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## ***DINOSTORY* CD RELEASE AND LAUNCH CONCERT**

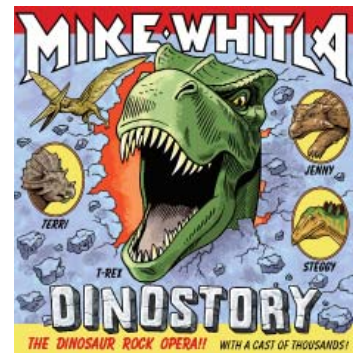
After a year of hard work and unparalleled creativity, Rainbow Songs is happy to announce the imminent release of Mike Whitla's tour-de-force dinosaur rock opera: *Dinostory*!

On April 26, 2011, *Dinostory* will be on sale to the public, available through our Rainbow Songs online shop, from your current Rainbow Songs instructor or through iTunes.

*Dinostory* follows the adventures of Terri, a tiny dinosaur trying to find her way in the big, bad prehistoric world. With music spanning a multitude of genres, this CD can be enjoyed by both the children and adults in your home.

To celebrate the arrival of this dynamic CD, Rock'n'Rainbow will be playing an album launch concert on Sunday June 5, 2011 at the historic Gladstone Hotel Ballroom. The show promises to include a mix of new songs from *Dinostory* along with many of the exciting and interactive Rainbow Songs tunes you've come to enjoy in class and at Rock'n'Rainbow concerts.

With only a limited number of tickets available this show is sure to sell out. So get your tickets now at our Rainbow Songs online shop: [shop.rainbowsongs.com](http://shop.rainbowsongs.com).



## Rainbow Songs Now on Facebook and Twitter



With social media and smart phones becoming a real part of our daily life, Rainbow Songs wants to ensure that parents and caregivers have the opportunity to keep up-to-date with Rainbow Songs news whenever they want.

Now, in addition to our current e-mail updates and announcements, we would encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Twitter to ensure you get Rainbow Songs news the moment it happens. Be the first to find out about schedules, concerts and special deals for Rainbow Songs. You can find us at:



[www.facebook.com/RainbowSongs1](http://www.facebook.com/RainbowSongs1)



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## 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!

## **Special Theme Weeks**

### **Earth Week: April 18 - April 23**

With Earth Day being too short to really do justice to our planet, Rainbow Songs is happy to have an entire Earth Week of classes. Songs with eco-friendly themes will help us welcome spring and celebrate the Earth.

### **Animal Week: May 30 - June 4**

During Animal Week we will be singing songs about our favourite animals. You are encouraged to come to class dressed in your best animal gear or perhaps with a favourite stuffed animal.

## **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... brrrrr....

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 (Mike Whitt)**

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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.



## **Rainbow Songs Foundation - Making a Difference in 2011**

Rainbow Songs Foundation was established in 2007 to provide the same high-quality music classes you've become familiar with through Rainbow Songs to families with small children living in the City of Toronto's shelter system.

Since then, Rainbow Songs Foundation has grown every year, offering more and more weekly music classes and working with a larger number of shelters – to date we have provided music education to families at seven different shelters. In 2010, we also launched a pilot project to bring music to families residing in one of Ontario's social housing communities. This means an ever-growing number of children and families have a weekly opportunity to laugh and sing, while learning new songs and about new instruments.

For shelter participants, it is an enriching and nurturing experience that helps families bond, learn, and grow together – a valuable program that might not otherwise be affordable or accessible.

This is all thanks to you! The foundation relies heavily on its dedicated team of volunteers and leaders and the charitable donations it receives from individuals and corporate sponsors to make it all happen. Building on the success of previous fundraising events, 2011 is shaping up to be another busy year for the foundation with the following events:

October – The third annual Hands Together fundraising concert. Last year's show sold out quickly, so stay tuned for ticket details!

November – The Perfect Click family photo event. This is a great opportunity to have a family portrait taken by a professional photographer, and just in time for the holidays.

We encourage you to visit the Rainbow Songs Foundation website for more information about the foundation, our upcoming events or to make a donation at <http://foundation.rainbowsongs.com>.