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Dinostory Launch Concert A Great Success

On Sunday June 5 at 11am, after months of preparation and rehearsal, Rock'n'Rainbow took to the stage of the historic Gladstone Hotel to unveil their first performance of songs from the new Mike Whitla CD *Dinostory*. 2 sets (and 3 hours!) later, there was a whole new group of Torontonians, both children and adults, singing about Pterodactyls and correctly pronouncing "Diplodocus". (Check out the song if you're not sure how to say this!)

Performing to sold out crowds at both 11am and 1pm shows, Rock'n'Rainbow provided concert goers with a great combination of songs from the Rainbow Songs program, along with selected tracks from *Dinostory*. This gave audience members a chance to sing along to some well known tunes and learn a few new songs to sing along to in the future.

If you weren't able to make it to the concert but would like to purchase the *Dinostory* album, find it at our online shop (shop.rainbowsongs.com) or from iTunes. Also unveiled at the concert was the official *Dinostory* t-shirt, featuring selected dinosaurs from the CD, available at our Roncesvalles shop.

After the great success of these shows, Rock'n'Rainbow will be taking the summer off but will back this fall with a few concert dates. Keep your eyes open for concert announcements and details early this fall!!



Fall Registration - Now Open!

Enrolling Early Ensures Your Spot in Class!

Our Fall 2011 session schedule is now on our website with registration open through our online enrollment system. Our Fall session classes fill up **very** quickly, so book early to avoid disappointment! 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.**

New Classes This Fall

As our Rainbow Songs community grows, so too do we!! Due to our growing client base we're pleased to announce new locations and new classes beginning this September at Rainbow Songs.

We have 3 new locations we're happy to announce:

- Richmond Hill:** Elgin West C.C.
11099 Bathurst Street
- Leslieville:** Lil' Bean n' Green
1133 Queen Street East
- Forest Hill:** Forest Hill United
2 Wembley Rd.

In addition to these new locations, we are excited to be adding new days to a couple of our current locations. Beginning in the Fall session we will be adding Tuesdays to our class schedule at St. Matthew's United (St. Clair & Christie) and Wednesdays at Kingsway Baptist Church (Royal York & Bloor).

We are always looking for new areas and locations for Rainbow Songs, and

are working on more new classes for early 2012!!

For more details regarding times and costing for these new classes, please refer to our online schedule.

Reminder About Make-up Classes This Summer

With the summer months bringing vacations and weekends away, you may find yourself having to make-up some missed classes this session.

We wanted to remind you that make-up spots are subject to availability and spaces are limited and we highly recommend booking your make-up class(es) as early in the session as possible. Waiting until the final few weeks will often result in few and limited options available to you.

As make-up spots **cannot** be carried over to a future session, classes missed in the summer must be made up in the current session.

Special Theme Weeks

Caribana Week: July 25 - July 30

Caribana Week celebrates summer with songs from the tropics. We will be singing many Caribbean songs, limbo dancing, and we will make our own parade! Come dressed in your brightest summer clothing and make the most of the hot weather!

Featured Songs

Hot Hot Hot

Arrow

Chrysalis Music Group Inc.

Ole ole - ole ole / Ole ole - ole ole

Me mind on fire -- Me soul on fire --
 Feeling hot hot hot
 Party people -- All around me
 Feeling hot hot hot
 What to do - On a night like this
 Music sweet - I can't resist
 We need a party song - A fundamental
 jam

So we go rum-bum-bum-bum
 Yeah we rum-bum-bum-bum
 Feeling hot hot hot -- Feeling hot hot hot
 So we go rum-bum-bum-bum
 Yeah we rum-bum-bum-bum
 Feeling hot hot hot -- Feeling hot hot hot

How you feeling? (Hot hot hot)
 How you feeling? (Hot hot hot)

Jamaica Farewell

Lord Burgess

Cherry Lane Music Publishing Co.

Down the way where the nights are gay
 And the sun shines brightly on the
 mountaintops.
 I took a trip on a sailing ship
 And when I reached Jamaica I made a
 stop.

Chorus:

But I'm sad to say; I'm on my way.
 I won't be back for many a day.
 My heart is down my head turning
 around'
 I had to leave my little girl in Kingston
 town.

Sounds of laughter everywhere.
 And the dancers swinging to and fro.
 I must declare that my heart is there
 Though I've been from Maine to Mexico.

Chorus

Down in the market you can hear
 Ladies cry out while on their heads they
 bear
 Aki rice salt fish are nice
 And the rum is fine any time of year.

Chorus



Rainbow Songs Foundation – The Importance of Music on Development

Taking children to music classes can be entertaining and fun for both adult and child; the music rhythm is often catchy and upbeat, the lyrics are playful or funny and we enjoy seeing children respond to music with laughter. But there is much more happening in terms of brain development than what we can actually see.

Research has long indicated the positive affects of music on children's development – from the earliest stages. Brain development that begins in the womb continues many years after birth, and musical training is one of many things that plays an instrumental role – no pun intended - in strengthening the brain's memory and attention capacities while developing areas of the brain that are involved in reasoning, processing language and speech.

In addition, through music, young children gain a sense of self-expression and the ability to convey emotions. Similarly, music provides an invaluable learning method by linking familiar songs with new information or material for a child.

So while children delight in the fun of music classes either at a Rainbow Songs location or at a shelter through the not-for-profit Rainbow Songs Foundation, adults can relish in children's enjoyment while knowing the benefits are in fact much more far-reaching and everlasting. Rainbow Songs Foundation (RSF) is a charitable organization that provides high-quality, interactive music programs free of cost to families with young children using shelter services in the Greater Toronto Area.

RSF would like to remind you about its upcoming fundraising events
October 30th, 2011 – The third annual 'Hands Together' fundraising concert.

November 6th, 2011 – RSF is pleased to bring back Your Perfect Click family photo event - a great opportunity to have a family portrait taken by a professional photographer, and just in time for the holidays.

Look out for more details on both these events in the fall newsletter. For more information on RSF or to make a donation, please visit <http://foundation.rainbowsongs.com>