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## ROCK'N'RAINBOW CONCERTS ANNOUNCED FOR JUNE!!

On Sunday June 3, 2012, Rock'n'Rainbow will once again bring their unique style of kindie rock'n'roll to the stage at the Gladstone Hotel Ballroom for 2 shows!!

With performances by some of your favourite Rainbow Songs instructors and music spanning as many genres as they can fit into an hour, Rock'n'Rainbow is sure to put on another incredible rock show for both young and old alike.

**Our 11:00am show has already sold out!**

**Tickets are still available for the 1:00pm show** but they won't last long. Tickets are \$20/adult and \$15/child, with children under 6mos admitted free.

Tickets can be purchased via the Rainbow Songs Shop website at: [shop.rainbowsongs.com](http://shop.rainbowsongs.com)

## **Welcome, Kevin!**

We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce Kevin, the newest member of our administrative staff, to all of our Rainbow Songs families.

Kevin joined us as a part-time administrator in mid-March and will be helping us to better manage the volume of phone calls and emails we receive on a daily basis.

We're excited about this new addition to the team and the opportunity to better serve our clients!

## **Ontario Children's Activity Tax Credit**

Beginning in late 2010, the Ontario Ministry of Finance created a tax credit for parents to reimburse them a portion of the cost put towards children's sports and artistic activities. Your enrollment in Rainbow Songs' sessions is eligible for this tax credit.

As per the ministry website, parents can "claim up to \$509 in eligible expenses and get up to \$50.90 back for each child under 16 for 2011" (*source: [www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/credit/catc/index.html](http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/credit/catc/index.html)*)

The receipt of payment email which you receive following your enrollment in a full

session of Rainbow Songs, serves as our official receipt for tax purposes.

Should you no longer have this email in your records, please email us at [info@rainbowsongs.com](mailto:info@rainbowsongs.com) to request a copy be sent to you.

## **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 16-21**

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 14-19**

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... 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 (Mike Whitla)**

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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.



## Experiences From a Rainbow Songs Foundation Music Instructor

Jessica Blake, one of the Rainbow Songs Foundation's (RSF) music instructors, shares her experiences teaching the classes RSF provides to families with young children using homeless and domestic abuse shelter services in the Greater Toronto Area.

*"My experience working at the June Callwood Center has been enriching, and so different from my regular Rainbow Songs classes. I have been working with teen moms and their babies and toddlers, and have been able to witness how difficult it is for these very young moms to balance the needs of their growing children, while going to school and trying to find time for themselves to grow and mature.*

*Over the past 13 weeks of working with different moms and their children I have noticed that the moms are starting to feel safer in the music class environment and they are starting to trust me more. They are beginning to lose their inhibitions, which results in their more active participation in class – which benefits the children. With each week that passes I am able to do more challenging songs and teach them more challenging rhythms on the drums, maracas, and tambourines. They are always excited to see what Instrument of the Week I have brought and they have proven to be very talented at being able to play the different instruments from around the world. I am so grateful for my experiences at the June Callwood Center and I know that through the challenges of teaching there I am becoming a stronger leader and more importantly I can feel that I am growing as a person."*

To learn more about RSF or to make an online donation, please visit:  
[foundation.rainbowsongs.com](http://foundation.rainbowsongs.com)

### **CALLING ALL RUNNERS!!**

Rainbow Songs Foundation is excited to be a registered charity with the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon on October 14, 2012! If you are a runner, stay tuned for more information on how to make your run more meaningful by going the distance with Jessica and the other music instructors and parents on the RSF Team.