



Winter 2012

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2012!!

With the holidays now behind us we find ourselves at the beginning of a new year, a bit older and hopefully wiser. And so we take the learnings of the past year and plan forward for the next 12 months...and beyond.

Here at Rainbow Songs we've always got plans in the works and are looking forward to 2012 and some great things to come. We thought that this would be the perfect time to share with you some of the projects we have planned for this year.

New CD for 2012

With the success of last year's launch of *Dinostory*, we've decided to make our next release on the Rainbow Songs label a companion CD for our 1-2 years program, much in the same vein as *Oh Baby!* works with our under 1 curriculum.

Preliminary tracks have already been laid down for the tentatively titled album *When You're One*, and Rainbow Songs creator and director Mike Whitla is working tirelessly to finish production. We'll update you throughout the year with sneak peaks and release date information!

Location, Location, Location

With an ever-expanding base of Rainbow Songs participants in the city, we often find growing demand from communities in which we don't yet have classes.

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One of our key goals with Rainbow Songs is to create a great music program that is accessible and helps build upon the sense of community we are lucky to have throughout our wonderful city.

In 2012, we hope to introduce new Rainbow Songs locations in north Toronto, Mimico, the Junction and the north Beaches. This is, of course, in addition to continuing to expand (when we can!) in our neighbourhoods where demand is high.

Rock'n'Rainbow is Here to Stay

On the heels of sold out shows in 2011, including a phenomenal Halloween show (see page 4 for details), Rock'n'Rainbow will once again be hitting local stages in 2012!

Bringing the music of Rainbow Songs into the realm of a real rock concert, these shows have rocked the socks off both children and adults alike.

Exact concert dates have not yet been confirmed, but keep your eyes open for announcements in early spring!

Saturday Classes in Midtown

Beginning this January, we have started to offer Rainbow Songs classes to our families in midtown at our Avenue & Eglinton location of Artbarn School.

With an expanding schedule in our upcoming Spring session, we are looking forward to offering classes for participants up to 5 years old and look forward to singing with more families over the weekend in 2012!

Sickness Policy

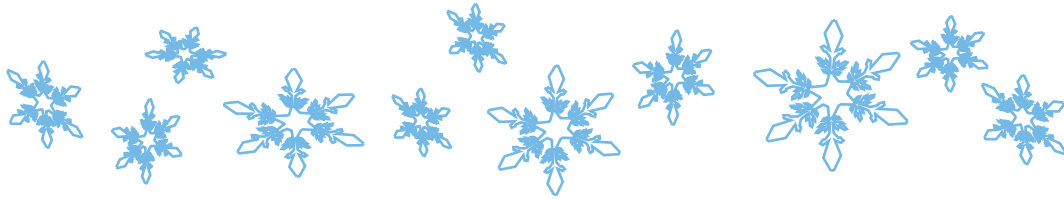
We are now in the heart of cold and flu season and wanted to remind everyone of our sickness policy.

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 probably contagious and could infect others in the class.

For other ailments not mentioned above, please use your discretion when deciding whether to attend class. If you are sick and potentially contagious, but your child is fine, please consider either missing the class, or arranging for another caregiver to bring your child. We also encourage people to use the hand sanitizers we provide at each location. Good hand hygiene drastically reduces the spread of illness.

Our sickness policy is available online: <http://www.rainbowsongs.com/sickness-policy>

Thanks for your help in keeping everyone healthy!



Spring Registration

Enrolling Early Ensures Your Spot in Class!

Our Spring 2012 session schedule is now available on our website and registration through our online enrollment system is open.

Classes fill up **very** quickly, so register early to avoid disappointment!

Visit www.rainbowsongs.com and select "Enroll" at the top of the screen to proceed to our enrollment system.

And remember, 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.***

Special Theme Week

Animal Week (Feb. 6th-11th)

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 Song

Button it up

Kathy Reid-Naiman

I've got a coat, a warm woolly coat,
and I'm gonna button it up. (clap clap)
I've got a coat, a warm woolly coat,
and I'm gonna button it up. (clap clap)
Button it up. (clap clap)
Button it up. (clap clap)
And I'm gonna button it up. (clap clap)

*add more verses for clothing items
such as:*

I've got some pants,
some warm and woolly pants
(zip them up)
I've got a hat, a warm and woolly hat
(tie it up)

(Make up more verses yourself for other pieces of clothing!)

Big Success at Rainbow Songs Foundation's Fundraising Events!

Rainbow Songs Foundation (RSF) would like to thank everyone who came out in support of RSF at its third annual **Hands Together benefit concert** in October. The Halloween-themed concert was a big success with over 250 tickets sold, and lots of fun for everyone.

In particular, RSF would like to thank all the corporate sponsors that helped to make the event possible:

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Chander Chaddah, Broker

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Classical Music Conservatory

Firefly Music

Sweet Pea Organic Snacks

In addition to the Halloween concert, in early November, RSF and Tynan Studio put on the **Your Perfect Click fundraiser** for the second year in a row. It was a sold out morning of family photo shoots and RSF would like to thank everyone who participated – with an especially big thank you to Tynan Studio for their high energy photo shoots and amazing portraits!

Proceeds from both events will directly support RSF's charitable music programs for families at domestic abuse and homeless shelters across the GTA. For more information on Rainbow Songs Foundation and to **donate**, please visit <http://foundation.rainbowsongs.com>