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RAINBOW SONGS CELEBRATES 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!



It is difficult to imagine that in its infancy, 10 years ago, Rainbow Songs was a small program running music classes for pre-schoolers at just a handful of locations around the city. Many probably couldn't have imagined that in the next decade Rainbow Songs would develop and grow into the city's most popular children's interactive music program.

To mark this momentous occasion

in Rainbow Songs' history we've asked Rock'n'Rainbow to perform at an Anniversary Concert on Saturday, February 23 at Lula Lounge (1585 Dundas St. W.).

For many of the past 10 years, Rock'n'Rainbow has been bringing the full rock concert experience to children and adults who wanted something more out of their children's performers. Constantly changing and expanding their act, R'n'R recently took the opportunity to present a whole new look, introducing the very colourful line-up of: Lady Red, Blue Elvis, Purple Stardust, Agent Orange and Mellow Yellow. (Check them out at: www.facebook.com/RocknRainbow)

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On February 23 expect a combination of Rock'n'Rainbow's consistently high energy, interactive and rockin' show, along with some new additions and birthday surprises.

Rainbow Songs' solid curriculum created by, and for many years taught by, Mike Whitla, has continually been developed by so many wonderful and talented instructors. This experience is never more evident than when you walk into any Rainbow Songs class running right now.

With 19 current locations (and more expansion planned later this year!), Rainbow Songs has continued to build on the cornerstone of high quality music education available within the communities in which we live. Rainbow Songs is proud to have become part of the framework of so many neighbourhoods in Toronto, and been able to work with such great locations in the past decade.

Tickets for the Anniversary Concert are on sale now and selling swiftly. With only 1 set (doors at 11:00am), this show will definitely sell out in advance. You can get your concert tickets at: www.rainbowsongs.com/tickets

Rainbow Songs looks forward to celebrating with you this year!!



Sickness Policy

We are now in the heart of cold and flu season and want 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 santizers we provide at each location. Good hand hygeine 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!

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Spring Registration

Enrolling Early Ensures Your Spot in Class!

Our Spring 2013 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

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!)

Special Theme Week

Animal Week (Feb. 4th-9th)

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!

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Big Successes at Rainbow Songs Foundation

RSF is reaching more children than ever!

Rainbow Songs Foundation (RSF) is thrilled to announce the addition of a new shelter to our program! The parents and children at Massey House will be participating in classes offered through RSF beginning this winter and we couldn't be more excited to get to know them.

In addition to expanding to four shelters for the first time, we're also offering a snack program in our shelters this winter courtesy of Longo's, which means all of the children who attend class will be provided with a snack to help them replenish after using up their energy on all that fun singing and dancing.

RSF takes the Scotiabank Marathon by storm

Last October, RSF Board Members partnered up with friends, family and Rainbow Songs parents to participate in the Scotiabank Group Charity Challenge and raise funds for RSF! We reached our goal of \$3,000 and are already gearing up for the 2013 walk/run with the goal of raising even more this year. Stay tuned for more information on how you can get involved and help raise funds for RSF...and have fun doing it!

Another great Hands Together concert is around the corner...with a twist!

We're gearing up for our next Hands Together concert taking place on March 3rd, but this time we're partnering with another great music-focused organization to offer the Rainbow Songs community and all Torontonians a concert unlike any we've put on before! While we can't give away all of the details just yet, keep an eye out for additional information on our Facebook page which will be posted in the coming weeks.

To learn more about RSF or to make a donation in support of providing highquality, interactive music programs to families with young children living in shelters cross the GTA, please visit us at http://foundation.rainbowsongs.com

