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ROCK'N'RAINBOW KICKS OFF 2014 WITH WINTER CONCERT

Get ready! Rock'n'Rainbow is back this winter, on February 8th, to rock away those winter blues!

The renowned Lula Lounge (1585 Dundas St. W.) provides plenty of space for your little one to get their feet moving and heat things up on a cold winter morning. **Doors will open at 11:00am**, with the concert starting not long thereafter. Be sure to join Lady Red, Blue Elvis, Purple Stardust, Doctor Orange, and Mellow Yellow as they play some of your favourite Rock'n'Rainbow tunes and get everyone singing and dancing along for this 1 hour show. This is definitely a concert you will not want to miss!

Rock'n'Rainbow concerts always sell-out in advance, so be sure to get your tickets as soon as possible to avoid any disappointed kids!



You can purchase tickets at the Rainbow Songs Shop:
<http://www.rainbowsongs.com/tickets>

The Little Green Frog's Big Debut

Rainbow Songs has made a big leap recently, with the release of its first-ever music video, "The Little Green Frog", one of the program's most popular songs.

This marks the first of many videos for Rainbow Songs, made in collaboration with talented *Dinostory* animator Chao Peng-Tsai. Chao and Rainbow Songs director, Mike Whitla, have worked together tirelessly to create videos that capture the energy and essence of Rainbow Songs' music, and dare to kick the quality level of children's music videos up a few notches.

Of all the choices in Rainbow Songs' repertoire, why "The Little Green Frog"? Easy; it's well-known among children and adults alike, it has a great opportunity to be a fun and bouncy video, and there simply aren't any other productions that do this song justice. What better reason to create something new and exciting!?

You can enjoy the new video at:
<http://www.youtube.com/mikewhitla>

It's Tax Time Again

As we head into tax season, we wanted to remind you that Rainbow Songs enrollment is eligible for both the Ontario Children's Activity Tax Credit and the federal Children's Arts Tax Credit.

The invoice email you would have received following your enrollment serves as our official receipt for tax purposes, so remember to hold onto those. If you no longer have yours, just send an email to info@rainbowsongs.com requesting copies of your invoices from previous sessions.

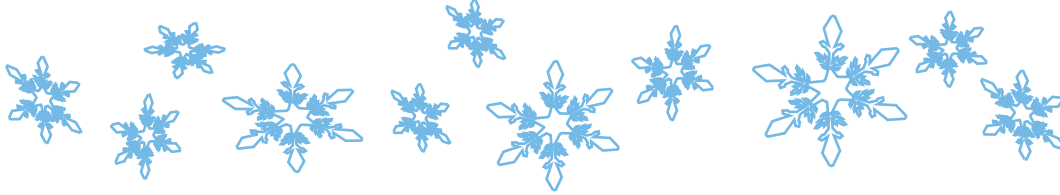
Sickness Policy

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 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>



Spring Registration

Enrolling Early Ensures Your Spot in Class!

Our Spring 2014 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.***

Special Theme Week

Animal Week (Feb. 3rd-8th)

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

Snowflakes

Music: Traditional

(Sung to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle")

Snowflakes, snowflakes, all around.
In the air and on the ground.

Some are big and some are small.
Roll them into a snowball.

When the sun comes out to play,
Watch as they all melt away.



Thank you to everyone who supported RSF in the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon!

On Sunday, October 20th, a total of ten members of the Rainbow Songs Foundation (RSF) community took to the streets of Toronto to run and walk in support of RSF as part of the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon Charity Challenge. As a result of the generosity of our supporters, we raised more than \$6,500 - enough to provide a year's worth of music classes (complete with CDs and clackers for participants) at one of the five shelters we serve!

A great time was had by all and participating in the run was rewarding for everyone involved, as evident in the following quote from a participating member of the RSF community: "Music has a way of simultaneously rewarding and challenging those who pursue it. When I learned that RSF would be an official charity at the Scotiabank Run, I decided to participate - to appreciate the way music has shaped me and the incredible work RSF has done to promote it."

Support from our RSF community makes a world of difference in allowing us to continue serving families in need across the GTA. By giving parents the skills and tools to make music with their children, we are making a real difference in families' lives now and in the future.

On behalf of all of the parents and children that will benefit from funds raised as part of Scotiabank Charity Challenge, thank you for your support - we couldn't have done it without you!

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

