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## It's Time for Rock'n'Rainbow's 2016 "Spring-Has-Sprung" Concert



With springtime signalling its arrival in the city, Rainbow Songs is happy to announce that following the great success of Rock'n'Rainbow's sold-out 2015 Halloween concert, they will be back with their "Spring-Has-Sprung" show on **Saturday May 14**.

Featuring Jessica Blake returning as the original Lady Red, plus Blue Elvis, Purple Stardust, Dr Orange and Mellow Yellow, the gang will be returning to the stage at **Lula Lounge** (1585 Dundas St. W.) at **11 am**, bringing with them a whole lotta singin', dancin' and all round rock'n'!

Rock'n'Rainbow concerts usually sell-out in advance, so be sure to get your tickets as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment! Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for kids.

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

## Howdytoons' T-Rex video gets 45 000 hits on its first day!



To the delight of little dinosaur aficionados everywhere, Howdytoons has been rolling out videos from the Dinostory CD to great reception since 2013. We weren't prepared, however, for the amazing response to the latest "**T Rex - Tyrannosaurus Rex**" video released in February. We got over 45,000 views on the first day alone, and over 1 million in the first month! Many thanks to our fans old and new!

Don't know what the fuss is all about? Check us out at [www.youtube.com/howdytoons](http://www.youtube.com/howdytoons) to find out. Better yet, subscribe and never miss an update! The channel features not just Dinostory videos, but also fun cartoon versions of our classic Rainbow Songs repertoire, as well as both live and animated versions of Rock'n'Rainbow!

### **Sickness Policy**

Spring is here, and with it a range of coughs and colds. If your child has a **fever or 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, 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 at: <http://www.rainbowsongs.com/sickness-policy>

Thanks for your help in keeping everyone healthy!

## Summer Registration Now Open!

### **Enrolling Early Ensures Your Spot in Class!**

Our **Summer 2016** session starts on July 4 - schedule available now on our website. You can register online - visit [www.rainbowsongs.com](http://www.rainbowsongs.com) and select "Enroll" at the top of the screen. Classes fill up **very** quickly, so register early to avoid disappointment!

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 Spring Theme Weeks

### Tax Receipts Now Available Online

As you may know, Rainbow Songs enrollment is eligible for both the **Ontario Children's Activity Tax Credit** and the **federal Children's Arts Tax Credit**.

You can download a single tax receipt with information for all your children by logging into your account at [www.rainbowsongs.com](http://www.rainbowsongs.com). Tax receipts are available for classes 8 consecutive weeks and longer attended in 2015 or in previous years.

### **Earth Week: April 18-23**

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 16-21**

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.

## **Let's Meet Rainbow Songs Foundation Instructor Sabrina!**

Since Fall 2015, RSF instructor Sabrina Friedman has been bringing music to the families at Birkdale Residence each week. Here Sabina shares a bit of her experience:

### **> What made you get involved with RSF?**

As a former social worker in New York City foster care, I feel it's important to maintain a social services thread with the work I now do as a Rainbow Songs Instructor. The opportunity use my skills as a children's music instructor through teaching at a women's shelter dovetails quite nicely with my social work experience with kids.

### **> What is the most inspiring thing about being an RSF Instructor?**

All of the lovely people I get to work with - shelter staff, ECE workers, the parents and of course the children - I am always honoured and grateful to be able to be a positive force in each of their lives.

### **> Do you have one memory or experience at a shelter that stands out?**

Those moments when you truly feel the positive impact you've had on somebody else are extremely memorable. Once during a class when I brought out the parachute and turned on the stereo, the children were dancing underneath while the parents and staff shook the parachute up and down. A little girl who had never been to my class before started dancing around and giggling. She ran toward me, looked up at me from under the edge of parachute, enthusiastically yelled "Thank you!!" and then returned to dancing and giggling. It was a very sweet and touching moment.

### **> How has teaching shaped you as a person?**

Teaching music to children and their caregivers continues to give me confidence and bring an extraordinary amount of joy to my life. I feel constantly grateful and excited to remember that this is my job. I never found that sitting at a desk for most of the day was really what I was meant for - and being a music instructor for young kids continues to remind me of that fact everyday.

***Rainbow Songs Foundation*** is a charity that provides the same high quality music classes that you participate in to emergency family shelters across the GTA. To learn more about RSF or to make a donation, please visit us at <http://foundation.rainbowsongs.com>