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Caregiver Participation in Class Enhances Learning for Kids

Participation of parents and caregivers in Rainbow Songs programs is an extremely important part of the success of the classes. **The more you take part in the music making, the more your child will get out of it.** Children learn by imitation and when they see you singing and playing musical instruments they will try to do the same.

Songs are taught with hand gestures and movements to reinforce the learning process. Involving the whole body in the music helps children to learn the words more quickly. **The effect of the participation of the caregivers doing "the motions" of the songs as well as singing them makes the experience more engaging for your children.** This is an opportunity for you and your child to grow together musically!

Making music together should not end in the classroom - learning and enjoyment will increase as you sing and make music with your child in your own home. **With words and actions, you and your children can practice making music together for years to come!**

Howdytoons News

Howdytoons, the Rainbow Songs video channel, has received the YouTube **Silver Play Button award** for reaching 100,000 subscribers!

Howdytoons features your favourite RS songs in cartoon form, as well as a fully animated version of the kids rock epic "Dinostory". Check it out here: youtube.com/howdytoons



Did you know you can now buy **Dinostory tshirts, lunchboxes and pencil cases?** shop.bbtv.com/collections/howdytoons

You can also purchase **ad-free versions of our popular videos.**

<http://howdytoons.com/shop/>

More Dinostory songs and videos to come in 2017! Watch out!

Meet our newest instructor: Steve Conway

Trained for 10 years in piano and theory at the Royal Conservatory of Music, with a background in choir, musical theatre, and improv, Steven is also self-taught in a variety of instruments, and is constantly seeking new ways to expand his musical vocabulary.

Since completing his Master's degree in Theatre and Performance Studies from the University of Toronto in 2015, Steven has performed in musical ensembles across the city, and continues to work as a musical director, accompanist, and composer within Toronto's independent theatre scene.

Steven's teaching philosophy is that effectively communicating enthusiasm is the best way to inspire it in others. As a member of the Rainbow Songs team, Steven is eager to facilitate learning, community, and joy through the love of music.

Welcome Steve! He will be teaching this Spring at our Yonge & Briar Hill, Danforth & Coxwell, and Lawrence locations.

Summer 2017 Registration Now Open!

Enrolling Early Ensures Your Spot in Class!

Our **Summer 2017** session starts on July 3 - schedule and registration available now on our website. 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.***

2016 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**. Tax receipts are available for classes 8 consecutive weeks and longer attended in 2016 or in previous years.

Special Spring Theme Weeks

Earth Week: April 18-24

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.



Tree Song (Lorraine Lee Hammond)

This is my trunk, I'm a tall tall tree
In Springtime the blossoms grow on me
They open, they open

This is my trunk, I'm a tall tall tree
In Summer the breezes blow through me
I bend, I bend

This is my trunk, I'm a tall tall tree
In Autumn the apples grow on me
They drop, they drop

This is my trunk, I'm a tall tall tree
In Winter the snowflakes fall on me
Brrrrrr...Brrrrrr....

This is my trunk, I'm a tall tall tree
In Springtime the blossoms grow on me
They open, they open.

Animal Week: May 15-20

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.

Turtle in My Shell

I'm a turtle in my shell
And I can't see you
My back's all covered
And my eyes are too
I'm a turtle in my shell
And you can't see me
One, Two, Three
Peek-a-boo!

Five Green and Speckled Frogs

Five green and speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious bugs
Yum Yum!

One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Then there were 4 green speckled frogs
Glub Glub!

** Continue song until there are NO
green speckled frogs **

Great Reviews for Rainbow Songs Foundation!

Each week across five GTA shelters and housing communities we bring the high quality Rainbow Songs program you love to at-risk young children and their families. As they face issues stretching beyond homelessness and poverty, RSF participants are invited to learn and find joy through music in our classes. As you know, music makes a positive difference to emotional and behavioural skills in children and we are committed to providing these benefits to those who need it most.

What professionals have to say about RSF:

“Engagement with music and warm instructors are associated with the pillars of flourishing children, including building positive emotions, engagement, meaning, social connection and achievement. The [RSF] program is designed to build mastery and relationships that can contribute to happy and thriving children and families in our city”
- Greg Evans, Ph.D., Board Member of the Canadian Positive Psychology Association

What participants say about RSF:

“I really look forward to this one-on-one time with my kids. It’s an escape from our daily routine.”

“These classes are wonderful, stress-free bonding time with my children!”

What our partner shelter staff say about RSF:

“Long term benefits include better parent-child attachments, strengthened families, feelings of competence in parenting, and improved parenting skills.”

- Program Supervisor, Robertson House

“The classes have a tremendous effect on children with separation anxiety.”

- Program Manager, Red Door Shelter

RSF relies entirely on donations in order to carry on its work. To learn more, visit;

<http://foundation.rainbowsongs.com/>

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Happy Spring Everyone!! Thank you for your support! - The RSF Board