



RAINBOW SONGS[®]

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Winter 2017

Spring Registration Now Open

**Enroll Early To Ensure
Your Spot in Class!**

Our **Spring 2017** session schedule is now up! Visit www.rainbowsongs.com to view our schedule and enroll.

Classes fill up **very** quickly, so book early to avoid disappointment! Classes start March 20.

Our Holistic Approach to Teaching Music

Rainbow Songs classes are lots of fun, but did you know there's serious teaching theory behind them?

The holistic Rainbow Songs approach comes from the belief that **music, movement and language are interconnected** and support each other through the learning process.

Teaching music, movement and language at the same time reinforces each part of learning. Actions/movements convey meaning and reinforce the text. The pattern of melody supported by rhythm helps the memory of lyrics. This method creates adaptable learners - kids who can sing, dance, speak, read, think and live equally well.

Most importantly, this provides a **musical whole body experience** that is a more profound representation of the music. Children learn to understand the music with their mind, emotions, voice and body.

Want to know more? See rainbowsongs.com/a-holistic-approach-to-learning-music

HOWDYTOONS' MARVELLOUS MEGA-MIXES



What's better than one Howdytoons video? A **Howdytoons video mega-mix!** Check out our:

- Animal Songs**
- Transportation Songs**
- Halloween Songs**
- Dinostory - Complete Season 1**
- Everybody Farts and other Funny Songs**

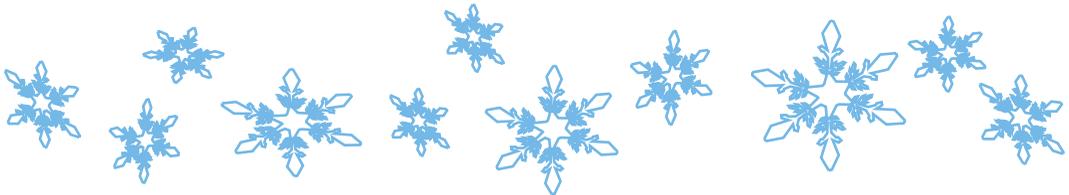
Be sure to subscribe so you don't miss a beat!
www.youtube.com/howdytoons

Welcome to our newest instructor Jairus Gabison!

Jairus has turned a lifelong passion for music into a busy profession. Since obtaining a BFA in Music from York University, he has performed extensively across the GTA, including at the TD Jazz Fest and the Ontario Vocal Arts Festival. In 2011 Jairus directed and produced a multi-media musical performance event at the Living Arts Centre, with the Mississauga Youth Orchestra and a mass choir.

In addition to his work as a guitar and vocal teacher, Jairus is the co-director WIBI Acapella at York University, and serves as the Christian Youth Music Director at the Iglesia ni Cristo/Church of Christ in Mississauga.

Jairus is thrilled to join the Rainbow Songs team, and is eager to share the gift of music with children! He will be leading classes at our Junction, Christie & St Clair, Roncesvalles, and Danforth Village locations.



Sickness Policy

We are now in the heart of cold and flu season. 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, 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!

It's Tax Time Again

As we head into tax season, we wanted to remind you that Rainbow Songs enrollments 8 weeks and longer are 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** and clicking on the Tax Receipts tab. Tax receipts are available for this and previous years.

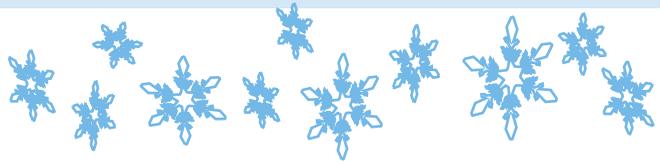


Special Theme Week

Animal Week (February 5-11)

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 Winter Songs

Snowflakes

(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.

Button It Up (Kathy Reid-Naiman)

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

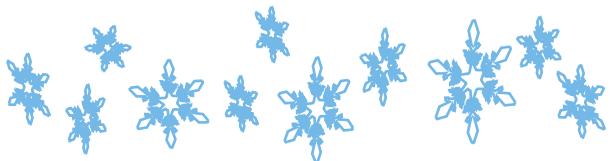
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And I'm gonna button it up (clap clap)

Button it up (clap clap)
Button it up (clap clap)
And I'm gonna button it up (clap clap)

*add other verses of 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)



Rainbow Songs Foundation is Celebrating Its 10th Anniversary!!

Since 2007, the non-profit Rainbow Songs Foundation (RSF) has been bringing the Rainbow Songs programming that you know and love to at-risk infants and toddlers living in housing shelters across the GTA. **RSF strives to bring the social, emotional, and intellectual benefits of music education to those who may need it most.**

We regularly hear stories of the positive impact a class has had for a child or their parent living in this city's shelter system. We are proud to be continuing this work each and every week in our 10th year!

Does your child have a birthday coming up? RSF is a partner of EchoAge; an easy-to-use e-tool that allows your child's party guests to contribute to a gift of the child's choice AND RSF. Gifting and giving made easy. Thank you for your consideration of giving the gift of music to the at-risk children supported by RSF! **www.echoage.com**

Donations can also be made through Canada Helps - and we are proud to say that 100% of financial support go directly to bringing music programming to one of our partner shelters.

Until next time... happy singing!!!

Follow us on **Facebook** or learn more on our website at **<http://foundation.rainbowsongs.com/>**.

