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It's Never Too Late to Learn to Sing!

Whether or not you are "musical", everyone can benefit from a holistic approach to music education. For music as for other skills, there are three basic types of learning styles:

Auditory learners learn from hearing the teacher and through discussion and listening. While this is the most important method for learning music, it's not the only one!

Visual learners like to see what the teacher is doing and learn well from diagrams, symbols and text. This type of learning is supported by watching actions and signs that go with music.

Kinesthetic learners learn from tactile experience and doing things actively. This type of learning is supported in our approach by performing actions, signs, dance, clapping, stomping, signing etc.



Exposure to more holistic education can produce people with more rounded learning abilities. Adults who feel shy singing in public often lack confidence due to a perceived lack of skill. However it may simply be that they have not had enough auditory learning experience. Classes that include multiple learning styles can therefore be very helpful to them.

At Rainbow Songs we teach families to make music **together** using all three styles. While it's not surprising to see improvements in singing, body movements and language skills in the children, the improvement in the adults is striking as well! **This is why we encourage all the adults to sing without worrying about what they think of their singing.** We have seen many adults who, when they first come, feel they can not sing in tune. Then, with a little encouragement and regular practice listening, watching and doing, they do in fact learn to sing!

All people can learn to make music! And participating along side your child both in and out of class improves learning and enjoyment for both of you.

Calling all bloggers!

Do you write or follow local mommy or neighbourhood blogs? Help share your love of Rainbow Songs! Word of mouth is the best way for us to reach new families who might be interested in our classes.

Let us know your favourite blogs! If you have your own, write us up and include a link to our site. We can even help you set up a special offer for your followers - contact us at info@rainbowsongs.com for more info!

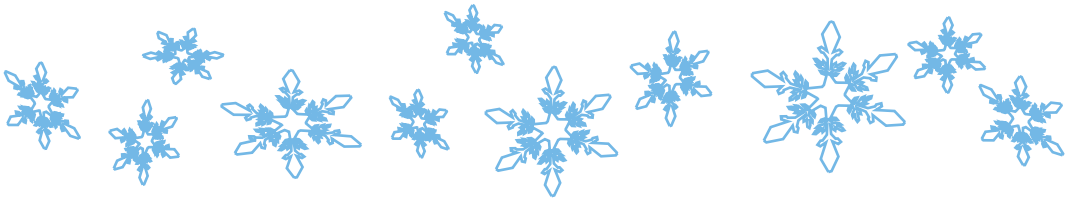
Thanks for spreading the word!

Spring Registration Now Open

Enroll Early To Ensure Your Spot in Class!

Our **Spring 2018** session schedule is now up! Visit www.rainbowsongs.com to view our schedule and enroll. Classes start March 19.

Classes fill up **very** quickly, so book early to avoid disappointment!



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!



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)

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 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)



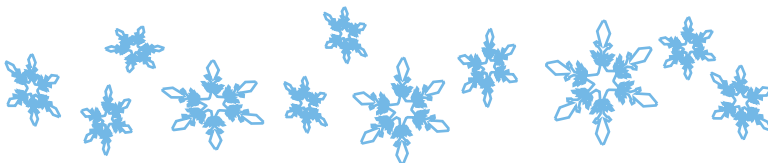
Special Theme Week

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!

For those who are interested, we'll be also setting aside a few minutes at the end of each class for taking photos. Your teachers will let you know when you can break out your phones and cameras to capture the adorableness!



RSF in 2018: The Outlook is Bright!

The Rainbow Songs Foundation (RSF) has kicked off 2018 more focused than ever as we continue to deliver high-quality music programs to families using settlement, housing, and shelter services in Toronto. Shelter occupancy across the GTA is at an all-time high and RSF strives to provide access to the benefits of Rainbow Songs programming to young families facing adversity and difficult times.

What keeps RSF motivated?

- Each child that breaks a barrier and sings along for the first time, learns a lullaby in a new language, or explores an instrument he/she has never seen before.
- Scientific studies conducted worldwide that continue to show positive outcomes from musical education in young children and their families.
- And our generous donors, who allow us to do the work we do by supporting RSF.

Each and every donation is appreciated. Music makes a difference. YOU make it possible!

RSF would like to take this opportunity to thank our major donors from 2017 who will help us to deliver weekly programming at 5 or more GTA shelters this year:

Toronto Arts Council
Bailey Metal Products Limited
MFS Investment Management Canada
McLean Foundation
TD Bank
Griggs Family Foundation
Hugh and Linda Brown Educational Foundation
George Lunan Foundation
Apollo Studios

Stay tuned for more RSF updates including exciting fundraising events and opportunities!

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