

For distribution before the RICK SCOTT school performance

*** DEAR TEACHERS ***

My name is Rick Scott and I am an actor, songwriter, musician, father and grandfather. My concert in your school is based on my experience as all of these. Over the past 30 years my love of music has taken me into many areas of the arts, including instrument making, theatre, radio, film, television and advertising. I choose to work with children to take music out of the mysterious unreachable realm of rock concerts and MTV and bring it home live to your gymnasium where we can all make music together.

I believe everyone has natural musical ability and that there's no right or wrong way to express this. Our culture tends to glorify singers and musicians when in fact we all have these talents within us. In other cultures the time when an infant begins to use language is the time when he/she is taught to sing. Each of us has our own voice and our own song: my school shows and workshops allow us to explore these abilities together. I encourage participation and I completely welcome the children's involvement and enthusiasm. There will be a question period at the end of the show.

My own experience supports the "you can do it too" method of making music. With no formal training I've composed hundreds of songs and performed concerts around the world for over 3 decades! I am self taught on a four stringed folk instrument called the Appalachian dulcimer which I play upside down and backwards from the traditional technique! I am currently writing a book on my method of dulcimer playing. I am Goodwill Ambassador for the Down Syndrome Research Foundation (my granddaughter was born with DS) and my 'Angels Do' video celebrating special needs children is played regularly on YTV.

On the day of the show your school will receive a Study Guide for teachers accompanied by three of my recordings for your music teacher or school library. Study guides are also available at www.rickscott.ca. I hope you will find these useful to extend my performance into the classroom and that they will encourage you to use music to augment your curriculum. There are a number of projects outlined which I hope you will find enjoyable. Please feel free to use my music for any school purpose and to duplicate any of my printed materials for your own use. I will have the following tapes/CDs with me for sale the day of the show for \$15 per CD, all taxes included:

Snooze Music-2006 NAPPA Gold & Parents' Choice Silver Honor Awards
The 5 Elements – Juno nominee, Parents' Choice Approved, NAPPA Gold
Making Faces – Best Children's Release, 2001 West Coast Music Awards
Philharmonic Fool – Juno nominee, Children's Music Web Award Winner
Rick Around The Rock – Parents' Choice Recommended
The Electric Snowshoe – Parents' Choice Approved
Angels Do and Yo Mo Concerto – DVD/VHS Children's Music Web Award

I welcome your comments and suggestions and would be delighted to hear your ideas and feedback. If your class writes to me at the address below I will write back--sometimes it takes a while as I enjoy correspondence with children all over the world! Thank you for the opportunity to make music with you and your students.

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