

Songwriting for Kids



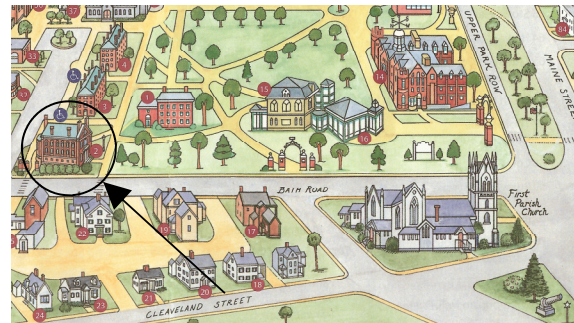
Songwriting for Kids is a week-long program designed to teach children in grades K-3 the basics of how a song is put together. Students learn and analyze traditional folk songs for rhythm, rhyme, structure, lyrics, and melody, then use what they've learned to write an original song as a group.

Songwriting for Kids is a fun program involving lots of singing, games, and general silliness. No previous musical knowledge is required.

"If I had influence with the good fairy who is supposed to preside over the christening of all children I should ask that her gift to each child in the world be a **sense of wonder** so indestructible that it would last throughout life, as an unfailing antidote against the boredom and disenchantments of later years, the alienation from the sources of our strength."

~Rachel Carson

from *A Sense of Wonder*



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Summer Program

Songwriting for Kids



with
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104 Adams Hall
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I developed my love for music when I was a kid. I started writing my first songs when I was seven years old. The great thing about being a kid is that you are so open...your internal "censor" has not yet fully developed, and very often, creativity just comes naturally if you are given the opportunity to tap into it. One of my goals is to help children develop and enrich that sense of wonder and creativity so that they will be able to hold onto it and use it as a strength as they grow older.

Josephine

About Josephine

Josephine Cameron has a Masters in Fine Arts from the University of Notre Dame. She has been writing, performing, and working with children for the past 10 years, and is currently the director of the Kid's Choir at First Parish Church in Freeport, ME. Josephine is also available to teach a limited number of private lessons in beginner piano, guitar, fiction, and poetry. For more information, and to listen to her music, please visit: www.josephinecameron.com.



Summer Sessions

Songwriting for Kids will be held in 2 separate sessions during Summer 2006 for children entering grades K-3. During these one-week intensive sessions, we will be learning how a song is created from start to finish. Through games, singing, discussion, and exercises, we will explore 5 components of basic songwriting: **rhythm, rhyme, song structure, lyrics, and melody**. Then, using the tools they have learned, students will join together as a group to write an original song of their own. Each session will be a unique experience with new songs and different perspectives. While some of the basic elements of the class will be duplicated, children are welcome to register for both sessions if they desire.

Learning from Traditional Songs

Songwriting for Kids uses traditional folk songs such as *Oh Susannah*, *Red River Valley*, and *Shenandoah* to teach the basics of songwriting. Learning and singing these old songs not only helps students absorb the most fundamental concepts involved in writing a song, but also gives students an opportunity to make a deep connection with history and show how music written 100 and 200 years ago can still hold meaning and depth for people living today.

Schedule & Rates

Session 1: July 10-14

Session 2: July 31-August 4

Sessions meet M-F from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Bowdoin College, 104 Adams Hall (located on Bath Road.)

The cost for each session is \$85/child.

Sibling rates are available at \$65/child.

If you intend to claim the cost of this class for a Child Care Credit on your taxes, please use Federal ID # 32-001-7855 (JCE, Inc.)

Registration Form

Registration deadline is July 1, 2006.

Sessions are limited to 20 students.

Children should be entering grades K-3; other ages may be admitted with special permission if space allows.

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Child 1 Age: _____

Name: _____

Child 2 Age: _____

Name: _____

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Total Cost Due: _____

Please send this form along with your check or money order to:

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