

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 35 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 in 9 countries over 4 decades! I'm self-taught on a 4 stringed folk instrument called the Appalachian dulcimer which I play upside down and backwards from the traditional technique!

I'm Goodwill Ambassador for the Down Syndrome Research Foundation and have two videos celebrating children with special needs: ANGELS DO and UPSIDE OF DOWN.

In fall 2012 I will release a 4 CD illustrated musical audio novel The Great Gazzoon, co-written and produced by my wife and manager, Valley Hennell, with whom I also co-present song my writing workshops. [www.gazzoon.com](http://www.gazzoon.com)

Your school will receive two of my recordings and a DVD (bolded below) for your music teacher or school library. Study Guides to accompany these CDS is available at [www.rickscott.ca](http://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. 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 CDs with me for sale the day of the show for \$15 (taxes included).

Pumkids-2007 Canadian Folk Music Award, Parents' Choice Honors  
Snooze Music-Juno nominee, 2006 NAPPA Gold & Parents' Choice Honors  
5 Elements (Eng & Cantonese) - Juno nominee, Parents' Choice, 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 Children's Music Web Award**

I'd 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 correspond with children all over the world and **I don't answer student mail sent by computer!** Thank you for the opportunity to make music with you and your students.

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