

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 45 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 YouTube 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.

Your school will receive two of my CDs for your music teacher or school library. Study guides to accompany these are available at www.rickscott.ca/resources (click Teachers). 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 duplicate my music and printed materials for your own school use.

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 email!** Thank you for the opportunity to make music with you and your students.

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