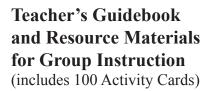
Musikgarten Music and Movement Series

# Family Music: Volume 1

Sing With Me • Dance With Me



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## **FAMILY MUSIC**

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The authors' fondest hope for this publication is that it will enable families to make music actively together in their homes. When immersed in a musical environment, children find their own unique ways to make music, especially when other family members participate. Moreover, in a world so replete with be-alone activities, playing together musically is an ideal medium for families to grow together.

Positive contact and interaction with a caring adult is the single most important ingredient for a child's healthy development. Nothing pleases very young children more than having a parent/caregiver share an experience with them. Adults benefit as well, as they witness the magic of music, movement, and song and realize just how appropriate and enjoyable simple activities shared with their children can be.

## All children are musical.

Children are innately musical and have an inborn ability to sing and move rhythmically. Body movement is a natural outlet for expressing feeling and is very closely tied to human expression. When toddlers move to musical sounds they are communicating their feelings and perceptions of the world. Children communicate effectively with body language long before they can communicate with spoken language, and adults gain a privileged glimpse into the inner world of childhood when observing a toddler's movements.

Research and experience tell us that the earlier a child is in an environment of active music-making, the more likely that child's inborn musicality will be awakened and developed. When surrounded by music and musical instruments and allowed to participate actively in a musical environment, children learn to make music both freely and naturally.

## Music meets the needs of children.

Music-making is active and joyful! Psychological studies tell us that a child's primary learning motivation comes from being in a pleasant and nonthreatening environment. Moving to music, playing instruments, and listening to music are all naturally joyful experiences for children and adults alike.

This guidebook represents a collection of songs and rhymes for musical play which children and

adults have shared for generations. These well-worn and time-tested activities come from our culture as well as from many others and naturally attract children through their beauty and their possibilities for movement and imagination.

## Music makes a difference.

Here at the dawn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, music is once again being valued as part of a well-rounded education. Researchers, teachers, parents, and educational leaders are all coming to the same conclusion: music makes a significant difference in the lives of children. Music improves overall development, decreases learning problems, and enhances brain functioning — all in a learning environment that fosters the building of community. Through music we touch the whole child and can make a positive impact on the child and family.

## Music-making belongs in the family.

The time to start experiencing music is in early childhood; the place is in the family. Home is the first and most important school for children, and involved parents are the most effective teachers.

Many well-meaning parents have been led to put their faith in sophisticated "things" rather than to trust their own natural instincts. Moreover, things have supplanted the simple joys of being with each other. However, this is changing since we are seeing an exciting breakthrough for early childhood music — public awareness about the benefits of music for children and families is on the rise. Adults are learning how to interact effectively and easily with children through music, and families are growing together musically. This is good for children and good for families.

## "Follow the child."

The intuitive observer of children, Maria Montessori, wrote these words at the beginning of the 20th century. As we begin the next century we acknowledge her wisdom once again and urge teachers and parents to learn more about children and childhood. Before being able to bring music and movement to children, we feel deeply that we must first understand the nature of the child.

## The Nature of the Young Child

"The child more than any other gift that Earth can offer to humanity, brings hope with him and forward looking thoughts." (George Eliot, *Silas Marner*)

The story of the newborn begins in the family and in the home. At birth the infant is plunged into a world of sights and sounds, tastes, odors, and touch. Every little person deserves to begin the work of selfconstruction, the formation of a unique human being, within the environs of a loving, nurturing family. This incredibly complex stage of development occurs during the first three years of life.

Within a loving, protective home environment, there is a lot of growing to be done as the child develops consciousness of self as being separate from others and experiences a stimulating world in which to build competencies. Every waking moment of each day the child is assimilating the world through the senses, "roughing" in the big picture and filling in more and more detail in response to each situation. Inherited capacities are developed to their potential in such an environment.

From birth to 6 years, children go through two phases of development: 1) from birth to age 3 are years of intense activity and absorption; 2) from 3 to 6 years is a time to consolidate the gains of the first period. There is no more critical phase in human development than these early years. In the creative process from newborn to confident 3-year-old, there are series of transformations that take the child from helpless infant to being a person in his/her own right, a person with a growing sense of selfhood, an ability to communicate needs and desires in language as well as through increased mobility and coordination. This time can truly be considered a period of creative formation and transformation, which lays the foundation of the personality and builds self-identity.

The incredible work of formation is possible at a pre-conscious level because nature directs development and assists children through "critical periods." Critical periods are times when children focus on those necessary factors in the environment that direct the work of inner construction. Critical periods for sensorimotor exploration, order, movement, language, and independence are among those which have been identified for this age group.

Why are the first three years of human life critical? Because it is a time when intellectual growth occurs most rapidly and cognitive functions are set. Early experience in an interesting and stimulating environment promotes optimal development physically, emotionally, socially, spiritually and intellectually.

#### The senses are the child's window to the world.

At birth the infant begins to absorb impressions quite effortlessly during every waking moment. Sensorimotor exploration is a way of learning that focuses on the here and now; sensorimotor experiences help baby adapt to the immediate environment without language. Sensory information is confirmed by movement and very gradually the senses (taste, smell, touch, vision, and hearing) begin to network to create baby's primary structure of knowledge of the world. Exploration and manipulation are the ways the infant/toddler comes to know the attributes of objects. This intelligence makes sense of a new and wonderful world and leads to the development of the symbolic system, which is the basis of concept formation and cognitive learning.

Sensory and motor development are aspects of neurological organization and must be integrated for children to function effectively in dealing with both simple and complex tasks. The more complete the integration, the easier academic learning will be later on. Once an experience is mapped on the body through movement, the basis for understanding is laid. In three short years, babies/toddlers have organized what was learned by acting on objects in their environment and now begin augmenting and reorganizing that knowledge in ways that encapsulate their own understanding.

## Children need to move. Children learn through movement.

Once children learn to walk, their greatest need and most persistent drive is to explore the exciting world that beckons them. Toddlers are incessantly on the move to obtain control and mastery of body movements and to direct their action systems to a desired goal. It is well to remember that sensorimotor systems are fundamental components of brain/body functioning and that sensorimotor integration is prerequisite to cognitive learning.

The developmental milestones in the first three years of life — walking and talking — are key to understanding the toddler's modes of experimentation. As part of a series of repetitive actions that take unhurried time to mature, a child's movements — from reaching and grasping to crawling, standing, and walking, - become ongoing discoveries that serve as a source of delight to child and observer alike. The spiraling response of trial and error represents intentional and purposeful action. Newborns initiate their own movement repertoire according to a unique developmental timetable which enables them to know the world as well as their own competencies. During this critical time, children are explorers by nature, deeply involved in an active process of formation of unique personalities in their own right.

To develop such competencies, the infant/ toddler practices every action response over and over and in doing so strengthens and enhances the body/mind/neural connections which are so critical to this stage of development. The toddler is not conscious of any effort since all energy is focused on the *doing* of the action and the sheer delight engendered for both child and adult. As reflex actions become integrated and coordinated, new movement patterns emerge that establish a new repertoire of movements to coincide with neurological development. The toddler's control of movement develops from head to toe, and from the body's mid-line outward toward the extremities.

As the body becomes better coordinated, toddlers can direct movement toward goals established by the environment. The body also becomes an expressive instrument with ever higher levels of awareness and complexity. The freedom to explore and exercise the body's action-systems affects physical development and well-being, self image and neural organization. These capacities are further aided by kinesthetic information supplied by the muscles and tendons. Kinesthetic awareness, an inner sense that operates below the conscious level, contributes information about how the body feels as it moves. Such awareness is invaluable to all learning and especially to the arts, whether music, dance, or the graphic arts.

# Listening is the most important sensory channel for learning.

Of the sensory channels of human experience, the faculty of listening is perhaps the most important and least appreciated. Formed early *in utero*, the ear is fully functional at four months after conception. All sounds of the mother's functioning — her breathing, digestion, heartbeat, singing, or speaking — are registered by the new life forming within her body.

Sound waves touch and inform the whole body, with the ear being an organ that never rests. More than just hearing, listening is a voluntary act which gives full attention to a sound source. The barrage of environmental sounds in today's world makes it difficult to discriminate subtleties of sound against a backdrop of competing noise. The listening ability is of utmost importance to every aspect of learning physical, social, emotional, and intellectual. Listening requires an environment at home and in music class that will nurture this gift while also encouraging appropriate interaction between adults and toddlers.

Listening activities in music class invite young children to focus attention on familiar sounds and then to discriminate between these sounds. Adults have the privilege of observing the children's responses, as recognition and amazement literally dawn on the children's faces. Young children's listening abilities will be enhanced as teachers consciously and intentionally use their voices to provide rhythm and inflection and to energize or calm their young learners.

## Shaping language is the child's great work.

Every infant knows instinctively that the sounds of spoken language constitute communication. Endearing cooing sounds emanating from the mouth of the adult are enormously attractive to the infant, and the infant's response encourages adults to join the game, which enchants the baby even more.

Language caresses the whole body with sound, and the tonality of the speaking voice carries an emotional current to which very young children are acutely sensitive. Voice inflections are more telling than the words themselves, and infants will tirelessly imitate and practice the variations of sounds as they are energized by their own vocalizations.

Infants listen with great attention to the *music* of human language, especially to its tonal, rhythmic, and syntactical properties, and before long they are

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immersing themselves in the irresistible energy of music and language sounds. Through listening to and playing with sound units — imitating and repeating various sound patterns — infants soon create a thoroughly expressive musical babbling.

Music offers children a strong means of communication because it soothes, focuses attention, and stimulates response. Nursery rhymes and chants are an invaluable source of repetitive alliteration, and rhythmic beat and poetry amplify the music of language. The vocal activities of the music environment greatly support the child's building of language. By letting children talk to themselves, make up words for their songs, and make up silly sounds, we help them practice the rich phonetic content that shapes speech and listening skills.

To further stabilize their perceptions, young children need words to label their experiences so that they can be communicated. Words become invested with the quality of the initial experience and jog the memory in the form of an image. In early language formation the toddler says the word "hand" and moves a hand as the word is spoken, as if to confirm the name. Songs which combine words with appropriate actions and which repeat words frequently are enormously helpful both musically and to the child's overall language development. As busy toddlers are developing language to communicate their explorations, what better way to help children maintain a spontaneous approach to the work of creating language than by making it playful and fun with music play!

## Children have a natural tendency for order.

Knowledge of brain and body development informs us that children have an innate disposition to make order from the plethora of sensations bombarding them through their sensory channels. By sorting and ordering, classifying and categorizing, toddlers learn to orient and function within their environment. The ability to do this is all the more remarkable because children have no previous experience to call upon. Order provides a map and offers an inner guide as a reference point. Order enables toddlers to stabilize the world with signposts that help them grasp and better understand their surroundings.

The need for order in the lives of the children from birth to age 3 permeates every aspect of their experience, and the psychological significance of this phenomenon goes far beyond the notion of tidiness. Acquisition of a sense of order relates to a child's being able to put persons and things in their right and accustomed place, as well as actions of the day being carried out in their accustomed routine. Once order is established around the age of  $3^{1/2}$  years, change is better tolerated in the external environment because the principle of order has been internalized and has become a way to organize experience intellectually.

Bearing this predisposition in mind, it is well for educators to plan their musical environments to reflect orderly, attractive, and well-planned surroundings where instruments and other objects have a specific place and use. Routines — such as sitting in a circle, starting with greeting songs of welcome, handling and playing instruments with care, and returning them to their proper place, etc. — should be consistent so that the children can count on their regular occurrence.

# Independence and initiative are the quintessence of learning.

With the major growth and development of language and movement occurring at this age, children are also moving from total dependence on an adult to a growing sense of self. Every child has a deep and urgent need to do things for him/herself and to express those needs in language. Toddlers love to participate actively in a self-chosen task and insist on imitating adults with the perennial plea, "Let me do it by myself!"

Toddlers often go through a difficult period around 2 years. Their behaviors appear contrary, obstinate, and unreasonable to adults who do not understand the motivation for seemingly stubborn intractable behavior. An innate desire to free themselves from dependency is so strong that when a task is self-chosen, children of this age insist on acting for themselves and following the task through to its conclusion. The best solution here is to allow the cycle to be completed without interference, giving the right dose of help when needed to avoid frustration.

Learning to observe and appreciate the efforts of toddlers and allowing them to try out newly forming skills is a difficult discipline for teachers and parents alike, but is critical to the toddler's self-confidence, initiative, and self-esteem. Toddlers love a challenge that enables them to feel more independence, and they want to do things themselves no matter what the outcome. Rather than operating merely from the trial

# WEEK 1

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\*Song recorded. You may wish to sing and bounce with the recording as an extension of the activity. N = new activity

# **Family Materials**

Each Family Packet includes a Parent's Book with songs, chants, and ideas for musical play at home and a CD with the recordings listed below. In addition *Sing With Me* includes 4 rhythm sticks, and *Dance With Me* includes a scarf.

CD No.	Sing With Me Title	Time	CD No.	Dance With Me Title	Time
44	Ash Grove, The	2:57	28	Albstedter Mazurka	2:03
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18	Bach, J.S.: Duet from Peasant Cantata	:41	36	Beethoven, L.v.: Ode to Joy	:49
25	Bajuski Baju	1:56	27	Bim Bam	1:56
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32	Blowing on soup	:14	39	Cat purring	:10
1	Bounce Along	1:12	2	Clap With Me	1:09
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20	Cat meowing	:16	43	Cysga Di	1:28
21	Cat purring	:14	3	Do As I'm Doing	1:08
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50	Dance a Baby Diddy	1:10	21	Five Freckled Frogs	2:17
15	Dance, Maruschka	2:24	20	Frog	:12
10	Debra Hora	1:13	5	German Lullaby	1:42
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14	Hands a-Washing	1:26	41	I See You	1:29
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41	Peter, Go Ring the Bells	2:07	23	Robin	:09
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17	See the Pony Galloping	1:21	11	Rooster, The	1:04
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