

Stephen Fite's Welcome to the Jungle Show

Stephen Fite is a multiple award-winning children's artist who writes educational music solely for the early childhood classroom. He has presented Keynotes and Workshops at educational conventions all over the nation, including SDE's I Teach Pre-K & K, Frog Street Splash, SECA and NAEYC. He is appreciated not only for his musical talent, but also for his easy-to-use ideas. The tunes he writes are activity enhanced with the belief that younger children learn best while taking an active role in the lesson.

The songs he performs during his concerts are used in classrooms throughout the U.S. as a supplement to curriculum and reinforce a multitude of skills laid out in National and State Standards. Here are just a few examples of the songs Stephen will be using: *The Habitat is Where It's At* teaches children about the different environments in which animals and plants live; *The Tooty Ta & It Makes Me Jump* invite the children to engage in physical activity and large motor skills; *Let's Shake It Out* reinforces body awareness; *Welcome to the Jungle* challenges children rhythmically and physically as well as offering them a list of animals they will find. *The Rain Song* will serve as a prelude to information about the canopy of the rainforest and jungle, highlighting how long it takes for the water to make it to the ground. In addition to those specific skills listed above, the show will promote *Listening Skills, Directional Skills, Call and Response, Phonemic Awareness, Rhythm, Music Appreciation, Following Rules, etc.*

The concert is titled **Welcome to the Jungle**. During the show, Stephen will play the part of a Jungle Guide who leads the children on a one hour, educational tour pointing out facts and important information along the way via songs and speaking. The children are active participants every minute of the show, either by moving/dancing or through call and response.

Another advantage of the concert is the connection children are able to make with the writer or singer of the songs they use in their own classroom environment. We encourage the teachers to have the kids write letters or draw pictures (or both) after the show and send them to Stephen. He will personally respond to any group of letters/pictures he receives. We also offer online activity sheets (found on our website Concert page at melodyhousemusic.com) that teachers may duplicate for their children. The sheets are fun, as well as, educational and tie in with the theme of the concert and serve to build excitement among the children leading up to the field trip. We also have Correlations to both Common Core and Texas State Standards available for download on the Concert page of our website.

I hope these brief explanations help to better describe the event. If you still have more questions, please feel free to call either Stephen, or myself.

Sincerely,

Lisa Johnson
Concerts & National Events Coordinator