

Bring Dean Jones to Your School!

A songwriting program for students in Pre-K to 8th grade



Dean Jones has worked in schools for over 15 years doing songwriting. He is not only the leader of the highly regarded, award winning family band, Dog on Fleas, he is the one-man band for Arm-of-the-Sea Theatre.

Dean has developed a unique songwriting program for elementary and middle schools. He begins by having the kids talk about what they know about song structure and types of songs, then he quickly fills in the gaps of understanding... and off they go! The group works together, creating melody, words, chords, rhythm, and harmonies from scratch. This challenge leads to great sense of accomplishment, and can set children off to a lifetime of creative expression.

The topics for the songs can be chosen by teachers, and related to what is deemed important to the school, or can be arrived at organically by the group. After a couple of sessions the kids sing their group-written songs with the band in an assembly for the whole school. This performance can be recorded and a CD can be made for each school. It can even be videotaped!

But don't just take our word for it...

"Dean Jones has come to our school several times and it's always a huge success. His songwriting workshops are fun and engaging. The shows have been a yearly highlight for our Assembly program and we hope to have him back on a regular basis!"

Ben Houston, PTA Assembly Coordinator, Zena Elementary, Kingston, NY

"Dean Jones conducted one of the most inventive, creative and progressive songwriting/performance workshops in the history of our school. He is an incredibly gifted and multi-talented artist who created a safe and stimulating environment for our kids to create and perform. His innovative way of extracting shared subject matter, and turning them into group songs (that were performed for the entire community) was a remarkable feat. Through this experience, the kids were able to gain confidence in their ability to create original music. Whether you invite them to enhance your arts in education schedule, or present them on a big stage - this group is a must have."

Damon Banks, music teacher at Poughkeepsie Day School, Poughkeepsie, NY

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“Dean Jones is a gifted teacher and musician, and his songwriting workshop for kids is a fantastic program. Dean encouraged kids to be both silly and serious, and showed them the actual results of working together and seeing the project through. Highly recommended!”
Jennifer Metzger, Rosendale Elementary, Rosendale, NY

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Band Performances & Songwriting Programs

***Option 1: Dog on Fleas Performance For All Ages**

Dog on Fleas performs a 45 - 50 minute interactive performance for students and teachers. At the end of the performance, students call out words that are added into song and performed by the band on the spot!

Fee: \$1,000

***Option 2: Dog on Fleas Performance + Songwriting Intro For 1st & 2nd Grade**

Dog on Fleas performs a 45 - 50 minute interactive performance for students and teachers. Then Dean Jones works with up to 4 classes in 45-minute sessions per group and each group writes their own lyrics for one of the Dog On Fleas hit songs.

Themes that schools can choose from include: The Environment, Community (anti-bullying), Diversity, Multiplication & Addition, Local History

At the end of the day, all of the children come together to sing their verses together...

Fee: \$1,500

For an Additional Day (4 classes), add: \$ 600

For DVD of Students' performance, add: \$ 500

***Option 3: Dog on Fleas Performance + Original Songwriting Residency For 3rd - 8th Graders**

Dog on Fleas performs a 45 - 50 minute interactive performance for students and teachers. Then Dean Jones works with up to 4 classes in 45-minute sessions over 3 days. Each group learns about musical genres, song structure, and breaks into teams to create original songs of their own based upon a theme or curricular content. By building facts into lyrics and melodies, children can memorize important concepts and content that are covered in the Common Core Standards, mandated tests or in curricular units!

At the end of the residency, children will record their songs and transfer them onto their MP3 players or a CD. This program not only builds community within classrooms, it reaches children with diverse learning styles.

Fee: \$2,500

For an Additional Day, add: \$ 600

For DVD of Students' performance, add: \$ 500

*** All programs are tailored to grade levels and school's goals!**

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"The Dog on Fleas performance at Moore Memorial Library was electrifying from start to finish. The group had everyone singing and dancing along for the entire performance. I would highly recommend Dog on Fleas to all who are looking for a top quality, all ages friendly program."
Mary King, Library Director, Moore Memorial Library, Greene, NY

10 YEARS OLD AND STILL GROWING UP

The band, [Dog on Fleas](#) has been one of the most highly regarded bands performing and recording music for kids since 1999. Their CDs have received critical acclaim, and endless play (and dancing) by kids of all shapes and sizes.

Dog on Fleas has been performing and recording intelligent, gutsy music for kids and adults since 1999. With 5 CDs of original, inventive music, and a tornado of a live show, the fleas aim to convert every listener to their brand of loose, energetic music. Watch out for the roving trombone slide, a stunning wardrobe, fancy footwork, irresistible rhythms, and the spirited singing of the fleas (and you).

[dog on fleas](#) videos!

For the "Ugly Fruit" [Video click HERE](#)

For the "Rock, Paper Scissor" Video Click [HERE](#)

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