



Rachel Sumner's Biography

Award-winning children's performer Rachel Sumner has created an essential niche in the area of "edutainment." She has gained fans young and old with her lively interactive [performances](#) that promote language development, self-esteem, and many other important learning skills.

Rachel performs for festivals, museums, schools, [libraries](#), corporate and special events. In addition to concerts, she presents [educational workshops and keynotes](#) that are full of creative ideas, musical activities, and fun for educators, librarians, children and parents.

Rachel has helped thousands of people recognize the power of the arts as an educational tool. She is a seasoned teaching artist with the acclaimed Wolf Trap Institute and Disney Musicals in Schools. She works as an artist in residence in schools through the Tennessee Performing Arts Center's Education department and has worked with arts organizations in other cities as well. She has also created an emergent literacy class for preschool children and parents that is usually hosted by libraries. As a trained Arts Integrated Specialist with the [Tennessee Arts Commission](#), her performances and educational workshops are eligible for grants in Tennessee.

Rachel's [nine CDs and four MP3 singles](#) stimulate imaginations with stories and songs. They have received rave reviews and garnered numerous regional, national, and international awards. Her CD [Join the Parade](#) was hailed as one of the best children's recordings of the year. When her CD [Tap Those Toes](#) was released, it quickly rose to the #2 top selling CD on Cdbaby out of all musical genres. Reviewers highly recommended it for children's library collections and multi-cultural programs.

For many years, her music videos were a regular feature during "Short Stuff" on The Learning Channel's "Ready, Set, Learn." Currently, she co-produces and hosts an educational television show for young children that airs in Nashville and throughout Middle Tennessee called "[My Storytime Place](#)." She can also be heard on children's radio around the world including [her own radio show](#) "Rachel's Fun Time."

The Nashville-based performer is also a talented writer, vocalist, and actor who has sung in bands, and twenty-one piece orchestras. She has performed in children's theater, and appeared in several television and radio commercials as on-camera and voice-over talent.

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