Bringing together his 25 years of experience as both a performer and a teacher, Mr. Ben's tailored elementary school show is as much a dynamic live performance as it is a carefully-planned instructive session, using musical immersion to capture, retain, and delight the imaginations of young children from JK-Grade 3.



For more information or to book, contact:



Mr. Ben's Open Door Music

1570 Main St W
Hamilton, ON, L8S 1E8
mrbensopendoormusic@gmail.com
www.mrbensopendoormusic.ca







Mr. Ben's musical message about community & connectedness







Music is Social

In an age of ubiquitous screens & social media, being "connected" has come to mean virtually the opposite: we are in many ways living in a very isolated society.

Now more than ever, our children need to be taught the crucial lessons of how to nurture relationships, how to interact with & respond to one another, and how to find common ground.

Through the stories it shares & the experiences it creates, music has long been an instrument of social cohesion, knitting communities together in the emotional connectedness of song & dance.



The Presentation

Tailored to the Jk-Gr1 and Gr2-3 age groups, Mr. Ben presents an interactive, lively, music-filled show to younger children, including:

- movement songs
- body percussion (clapping, stomping, e.g.)
- songs about animals
- seasonal songs
- history-rich folk songs
- books set to music

With his guitar in-hand and his ebullient personality, Mr. Ben invites children to move and sing, and opens up concise discussions about the nature of music, of story, and community.

Details

- Presentations run for approx. 45mins with 10-15 minutes allotted for questions at the end
- Mr. Ben brings a guitar, amp, & microphone, and various visual aids
- Cost: \$400 per group





Who is Mr. Ben?

"Mr." Ben Bowen studied jazz trumpet at Humber College, holds an Hons BFA in Music, and pursued graduate studies in Musicology at York University. He is featured as a guest musician on more than 30 studio albums, and has recorded 5 albums of children's music.

Ben has been working with children for over 25 years, from summer camps to private preschools, theatre programs to community & elementary schools groups, and he owns and operates Mr. Ben's Open Door Music in west Hamilton, where he runs music classses for preschoolers.