

"Hats Off to America"

A Musical Journey Through History Celebrating Our Cultural Heritage

Travel on down through the music and social studies curriculum on a tuneful American adventure that embraces songs, stories, history, heritage, humor and theater. Take along twenty period hats and a few jam-packed bookbags brimming with instruments – you can bet a guitar and banjo, a concertina and lots of harmonicas just might come in handy over terrain that abounds in rousing sing-alongs and wide-eyes surprises. Come and string along with a crew of colorful characters that step right out of history and onto the stage, pulling you into a world of fun.

"You can take great pride in the lasting contributions you are making to our Nation's cultural heritage ... an invaluable source of cultural enrichment for youngsters across the United States. Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for every future success. God bless you."

President George Bush
The White House

Early American Life

The American Revolution
"Yankee Doodle"

Immigration
"When I First Came to This Land"

The Frontier, Tall Tales and Minstrel Music
"Oh, Susanna"

The Civil War
"Goober Peas"

"A great multicultural presentation and outstanding talent. Vice President Al Gore and our families extend to you their most sincere gratitude and hope that the New Year brings you much joy and success."

President Bill Clinton
The White House

Transportation and Western Expansion

The American Railroad
"I've Been Workin' on the Railroad" or "Wabash Cannonball"

Sailing Ships, Square-Riggers and New World Trade
"The Leaving of Liverpool" into "Day-O" ("The Banana Boat Song")

Covered Wagons and Horse-Drawn Carriages
"She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain"

The Twentieth Century

Exploration of African-American Inspired Forms of Music
"Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho" and "I'm Goin' Fishin'" ("Fishin' Blues")

Industrial Growth – A Tribute to Farms, Factories and Mills
"Old MacDonald Had a Farm" featuring **Chicken Karaoke**

Work and Leisure – Just Plain Fun Singing
"Take Me Out to the Ballgame"

Songwriting and Musical Expression
(Students Participate in Writing a Song about School Life)
"Where's My Homework?"

Grand Finale – All Singing
"This Land is Your Land"

"I think you sing better than Billy Ray Cyrus... you were awesome!"
Troy Reed, 4th Grade,
Freedom Elementary
School, Sykesville, MD

"I must study politics and war, that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy, geography, natural history, navigation, commerce and agriculture, in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music, architecture, statuary, tapestry and porcelain"

Letter of John Adams, addressed to his wife, Abigail, 1780

