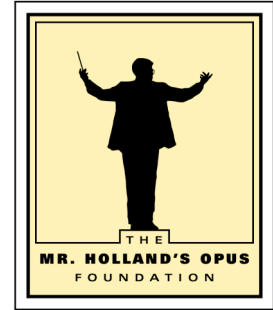


Family Time! *Songs and Stories from the* *2011 Children's Grammy Nominees* All proceeds benefit Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation

Saturday, February 12th, 10:30 am – 11:30 am

The Mint 6010 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles

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Rock, bop and sing along with top children's recording artists who are nominated for 2011 Grammy Awards. This is the third year that the Children's Recording Arts Alliance has presented its Grammy children's celebration concert for the public. In previous years, concerts featured Cathy & Marcy, Ziggy Marley, Buck Howdy, Greg & Steve, Trout Fishing in America and Brady Rymer. For this year's concert, the nominees are donating their performances, and **all net ticket proceeds will benefit Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation** (<http://www.mhopus.org>). **Advance tickets are available now from The Mint. Details are at <http://www.themintla.com/show/detail/38208>.**

Performing Grammy Nominees:

JUSTIN ROBERTS and the Not Ready for Naptime Players

2011 Nomination: *Jungle Gym* www.justinrobertsmusic.com

Justin Roberts is one of America's top children's recording artists. He performs more than 150 family concerts each year around the nation. With a sound that's more akin to Fountains of Wayne than Romper Room, Roberts blends his deft indie-pop sensibilities with a keen understanding of what it's like to be a kid. He's been variously compared to Elvis Costello, Nick Lowe, Weezer and Loudon Wainwright. Music critics from the Washington Post to Salon.com are invariably surprised at the musical sophistication and lyrical depth of the songwriting. WXPN Radio's Kathy O'Connell was quoted in USA Today, calling Roberts "the Paul McCartney of children's music." Justin will bring the full band for the show!

BILL HARLEY

2011 Nomination: *The Best Candy in the Whole World* www.billharley.com

A two-time Grammy award winning artist, Bill uses song and story to paint a vibrant picture of growing up, parenting and modern family life. Poignant and hilarious, his work spans the generation gap, reminds us of our common humanity and challenges us to be our very best selves. A prolific author and recording artist, Bill is also a regular commentator for NPR's "All Things Considered" and featured on PBS. Harley joined the National Storytelling Network's Circle of Excellence in 2001 and tours nationwide as an author and performing artist. Harley has earned international acclaim and numerous awards for his storytelling, music and books. Entertainment Weekly called him "the Mark Twain of contemporary children's music"

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THE BATTERSBY DUO

2011 Nomination: *Sunny Days!* www.battersbyduo.com

Tim and Laura – The Battersby Duo – have appeared on Sesame Street and NBC’s Today Show. They’ve won an Emmy and 3 Parents’ Choice Awards, and have performed 6 times at The White House and The Kennedy Center. Goofy, wacky and whimsical are all adjectives to describe the musical antics of The Battersby Duo. Beneath the facade of silliness, The Battersbys offer honest, non-threatening glimpses in to a child’s world of understanding and imagination. Their harmony laced style of music, blends styles ranging from the folk, to the blues, to rock and roll. Sprinkle in a dash of comedy and liberal pours of interactive theatrics, and you understand why every BatDuo concert is so much fun.

STEVE PULLARA with Oran Etkin and Miss Amy

2011 Nomination: *Healthy Food for Thought* www.healthyfoodforthought.com

Steve Pullara is a Philadelphia based artist whose musical roots go deep within many cultural traditions. In his music you can hear influences from his Grandfather Giuseppe to Pete Seeger to Louis Prima. His singing harkens to the days of the Gene London and the Sandy Becker TV shows from the 1950s and 60s. With many years of entertaining kids and families under his belt in the Philly area, he is comfortable with this niche and very at home with his audience. Steve produced the new CD benefiting The New York Coalition For Healthy School Foods. Featured artists on the include Julian Lennon, Moby, Russell Simmons and Tom Chapin. Cover art was created by Peter Max! For the LA performance, Steve will be joined by master clarinetist Oran Etkin and singer Miss Amy.

JUDY PANCOAST

2011 Nomination: *Weird Things Are Everywhere!* www.judypancoast.com

Back in the 70’s, when all the “cool” teens were listening to heavy metal and alternative rock stations, Judy was listening to Top 40 bubblegum pop. The infectious melodies, the catchy hooks....the kind of songs you can’t get out of your head. Judy makes exactly that kind of music for kids all over the world whose parents value the innocence and joy of childhood: totally terrific tunes with timeless lyrics about childhood experiences that resonate across the generations. Oh...and beats that make their feet dance! She calls it “Bubblegum Pop for Sweet Kids!”

The complete list of Grammy nominees is here: <http://www.grammy.com/nominees>

Tickets: \$12.50 each in advance, \$15 at the door. Non-walking babies ages one and under are free admission. Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended. Last year’s concert sold out in advance. Invite your friends along for an inspiring morning from some of the best children's recording artists!

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Reporters and camera crews are welcome, but please confirm in advance.