

# Family Sing Center

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# What is Family Sing?

**F**amily Sing classes are based on the belief that music is as much a basic life skill as walking and talking, and that all children can learn to sing in tune, keep a beat, and participate with confidence and leisure in the music of our culture, provided that their early environment supports such learning. By emphasizing actual musical experiences rather than concepts about music, we introduce children to the pleasures of making music instead of passively receiving it from CDs or television. Integral to our program is the idea that young children respond best to music when surrounded by those with whom they have a close bond. Consequently, the active participation of parents and caregivers is an essential part of the rich musical environment we create.

Six to twelve children ages birth through five and their parents or caregivers (nanny, babysitter, grandparent) meet for 45 minutes each week for 10 weeks (fall, winter and spring semesters) or for six weeks (summer semester) to experience new songs, chants, small and large motor movement activities and instrumental jam sessions. Both adults and children sit in a circle and participate, led by a teacher. The teacher helps the adults understand how to interact and play musically with their child in class and at home. Playing with music is fun and nurtures the child's musical ability. Children have many opportunities to create and to play - making up rhythm patterns, making up new words to songs, making up movements to express a sound. Each class has ritual features which the children need and enjoy - the hello song, and instrumental play-along, a lullaby and the goodbye song. Eight to ten other experiences are included in each class, ranging from free movement to rhythmic rhymes in unusual meters.

Regardless of your background in music, you can give your child a love of music. Adult participation is easy, nonthreatening, and fun. And parent enjoyment is the single most important factor in fostering a love of music-making in children. Do something wonderful for yourself and your child and join us for some family music fun!

# Our Classes

## MIXED-AGE (NEWBORN - 4YRS 11MOS WITH ADULT)

This is the essential Family Sing class, one that a child can attend from birth through age five — and through all nine song collections. This basic class follows the recommendations of child development researchers — grouping children of a variety of ages because this fosters natural, family-style learning. Younger children enjoy watching and imitating older ones; older children learn by leading younger ones; and adults are happy because the children in the family can go to class together. Each child participates at his or her own level in singing, moving, chanting, listening, watching, or exploring musical instruments. Any caregivers — parents, grandparents, nanny — can bring the children. The whole family is welcome for this important family music experience.



## BIG KIDS (AGES 5 THROUGH 7YRS)

Family Sing Big Kids is a 60-minute class geared to the interests and abilities of 5, 6, and 7-year-olds. The program blends the elements of Family Sing that parents and children love with new activities, skills, and challenges that are developmentally appropriate for this age group.

Big Kids classes lay the foundation for basic music literacy, complementing music instruction in school or instrument lessons, and leading to a lifetime of joyful music-making. The curriculum includes solfège, solos and ensembles, folk dances, harmony singing, vocal development, and drumming. In a safe, fun environment, your child can experiment with new activities like conducting and improvisation, story songs, and game songs.



Parent attendance is not required but encouraged the first and last class of the semester, as well as the last five to ten minutes of each class in between. Each family receives a Big Kids songbook, CD, solfège cards, and HomePlay activities, so that the entire family can continue the fun and learning at home and parents can stay connected with what the child is learning in class.

For complete schedule and additional information go online at **[www.famsingctr.example](http://www.famsingctr.example)**

## Helene Springer

TEACHER/DIRECTOR

Since 2003, Helene has enjoyed bringing this wonderful program to the families of the Greene City community.

A graduate of North University, Helene holds a B.F.A. degree in Musical Theater and has attended the Greene City School of Music. She has performed professionally on London's West End as well as in film, television, and numerous regional stage productions. Helene has also sung back-up vocals for several recording artists.

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