



HOPE  
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Cousins  
Jamboree

\* "Come join the Jamboree!  
Grab your dancin' shoes, your singing  
voices and whatever else you can  
think of...use your imagination!!

Just Hurry!!  
Let's make some music and  
have some fun!!"





# Hope Harris

Create. Inspire. Instruct. Entertain. Enchant.

Originally from Lynchburg, Virginia, Hope has appeared on stages big and small from the St. James on Broadway to the Bluebird Café in Nashville. And these days, more often than not, you will find her surrounded by children whipping up her own brand of contagious theatrical, musical fun. According to Hope, it was less her training as an actress and her experience teaching music at the Sunshine Kids Club in New York City than it was her self-imposed training in the "backyard" that lay the groundwork for her energetic, interactive concerts. "As a child, I created and directed elaborate variety shows starring my baby brother, my little cousins, family pets, stuffed animals and lawn furniture. They were all a unique distillation of 'The Carol Burnett Show', 'Sonny and Cher', 'That Girl' and 'Peter Pan'...I destroyed many a nightgown 'in flight' off the porch!"

A graduate of the University of Virginia, and later the Neighborhood Playhouse School of Theatre, Hope worked on Broadway, Off Broadway, and in Regional and Stock productions. While working in theatre with renowned Broadway writer/producer Frank Wildhorn (Jekyll & Hyde, Scarlet Pimpernel, Civil War), Hope also recorded her original children's lullaby project, Julie the Starfish and Other Lullabies, an ethereal blend of voice and guitar. Co-created with JR Getches, it was dubbed an "instant classic" by parents and has been called "the Magic Cd" which from the first note relaxes the entire family. And with the arrival of her two sons, came new inspiration and a strong need to keep them entertained. Songs from her latest release, Cousins Jamboree (produced by Rob Friedman who among many other projects is the co-producer of the Dan Zanes Family Albums) have live audiences dancing in the aisles. As witnessed by preschool director Terry Tusing, "Hope has the ability to engage the entire audience--children as well as adults. She is energetic, upbeat and truly enjoys entertaining children. She puts on a program that you never want to end!"

In between writing, recording and performing with her band, for the past three seasons, Hope has been a contributing scriptwriter and starred as Baker Bobbie in the acclaimed Chocolate Chip Chamber Music Series in Park Slope, Brooklyn. Recently, Hope and her husband moved with their two boys to Richmond, Virginia. But at the end of the day, she admits her most challenging gig is chasing her "NBA team in the making", sons Beckett and Preston, around the kitchen without eating the cupcakes on the counter!



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Terry Tusing, Early Childhood Director  
Canterbury Community Nursery School

" 'Sparkly and Magical!', said little Sadie. That sums it up pretty well! Hope is all about the children and her band is spot on! They know how to have a good time and create a magical interactive concert! We can't wait to have them back!!! "

Donna Peters, Early Childhood Director, Weinstein JCC

"Hope charmed our children with her beautiful voice and sincere lyrics. Her fresh music is entertaining and meaningful to young children today. Her performance was enhanced by the talent and comical addition of an outstanding bass player, drummer, guitarist and pianist. The concert received many accolades from our Reveille families and the early education centers that enjoyed her the next day with the Richmond Early Childhood Association."

Elaine Kastelberg, Early Childhood Director  
Reveille Weekday School, RECA Co-President

"We had a rip roaring good time at the concert. The kids were singing Hope's songs all the way home. In fact, they are still singing them. The show was great fun for the kids and the adults, too!!"

Amy Pocklington

"Pure, unadulterated joy and a rollicking good time!"

Nancy Miller

From the mouths of grateful parents:

"We call it the 'MAGIC CD'. My 18 month old stops whining or crying on the very first note! Thank you!"

"We had 4 children within 5 years, including a set of twins. If anyone needed sleep, we did!! Julie the Starfish was our magic wand!"

"Julie the Starfish is a classic- I'm hooked!"

"I had no ideas what your music would come to mean to our family. We started listening to it with our 4 month old while having our morning play time. Next thing I knew, we had a 10 month old who was addicted! We didn't truly see how much he loved it until we took our first long car trip. We had an 8 hour drive. Whenever he got bored we'd pop in Julie the Starfish and there was peace and quiet for an hour before he actually fell asleep. A grateful mom and fan..."

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Hope's lullaby Cd,  
***Julie the Starfish and Other Lullabies***  
appeals to parents and children of all ages. Infants respond to the ethereal blend of voice and guitar and older children love to sing and listen to the stories told through the songs.

