



Program Overview & Learning Objectives

Assembly Title: *Interactive Music Concert for Young Children*

Grades: Preschool, TK–2

Presenters: Mark Beckwith & Michael “Tuba” Heatherton

Program Length: 35–40 minutes

Program Overview:

This joyful, interactive musical concert is designed specifically for primary-grade students—older preschool through 2nd grade. Performed by veteran children’s musicians/entertainers Mark Beckwith and Michael “Tuba” Heatherton, the show blends original music, playful engagement, and educational themes to create an unforgettable experience for young learners.

With a variety of musical styles—from Latin to Jazz to Zydeco—Mark and Tuba play live on guitar, ukulele, accordion, and marimba, guiding students through upbeat songs about nature, animals, seasons, and more. Every song involves participation: call and response, hand motions, dancing, and sing-alongs. There’s even a bilingual component with a Spanish-language tune, making it an inclusive and enriching experience for diverse audiences.

Learning Objectives:

By the end of the assembly, students will be able to:

- Participate in musical activities that promote rhythm, melody, and movement.
- Demonstrate listening and coordination skills through call-and-response and gesture-based songs.
- Recognize a variety of musical styles and instruments, fostering early music appreciation.
- Engage with songs that explore themes from nature and the environment.
- Experience joy and confidence through creative self-expression and group participation.
- Be introduced to simple Spanish vocabulary through music.

Additional Educational Value:

This program supports early childhood development in the areas of music, motor skills, language, cultural awareness, and social-emotional learning. It's a perfect arts enrichment option for schools seeking age-appropriate live performance experiences for their youngest learners.