

Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer



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Children's GRAMMY® award winners

"Parents will be as entertained by the sublime musicianship and droll lyricism as the kids."

— BOSTON GLOBE

"Phenomenally talented duo...singing and musicianship are flawless."

— TIME OUT NY KIDS

"Talent + Experience + Inspiration = Masterpiece"

— FRAN GRAUMAN



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BIOGRAPHY

CATHY & MARCY are trailblazers in children's music and have been connecting families through music for over 30 years. Their superb harmonies are backed by instrumental virtuosity on the acoustic & electric guitar, five-string banjo, mandolin, cello banjo, ukulele, steel drum and many other instruments. Over 5,000 shows in performing arts centers, schools, folk festivals, community centers, libraries and children's festivals have given Cathy & Marcy the superb skills to deliver a show that is fun, wacky, energetic, participatory and meaningful.



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The duo's latest release, **"DANCIN' IN THE KITCHEN: songs for ALL families"** is their 44th release. The songs not only reflect the growing diversity of family structures in the U.S. and around the world, they highlight the idea that families are bound by love, with music celebrating that love and diversity. Cathy & Marcy have partnered with the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's Welcoming Schools Program dedicating a portion of the album's proceeds to the program. Four songs on the new CD have received recognition: Cathy's song "I Belong To A Family" was a Finalist in John Lennon Songwriting Contest, her song "Twins" was awarded Gold in the Children's category of the Mid-Atlantic Songwriting Contest and her songs "Dancin' in the Kitchen" & "I Belong to a Family" were runners up in the same event.

In 2004 and 2005, Cathy & Marcy were awarded back-to-back **GRAMMY® Awards** for their children's recordings **"cELLabration: A Tribute to Ella Jenkins"** and **"Bon Appétit!: Musical Food Fun!"**. The dynamic duo has been further honored by their peers with twelve other GRAMMY® nominations for children's and folk music. Their catalogue of over 70 audio and video recordings have received additional awards from organizations like Parents' Choice Foundation, The Oppenheim Toy Portfolio, American Library Association and Early Childhood News. The Washington Area Music Association has honored Cathy & Marcy with over 60 WAMMIE Awards.

An eclectic folk festival on their own terms, Cathy & Marcy have entertained the Queen of Thailand, sung at the White House Easter Egg Roll, been keynote singers for the AFL-CIO, performed at hundreds of folk festivals, appeared on the "Today Show" and on National Public Radio. They've toured the US, Canada, Great Britain, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Israel.



PROGRAM OFFERINGS

CATHY & MARCY'S FAMILY MUSIC PARTY: FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

An entertaining and engaging interactive show, Cathy & Marcy perform on a variety of instruments including electric and acoustic guitars, banjos, mandolin, ukulele, percussion and inspiring home-made instruments (oatmeal box banjo, cigar box electric guitar). The duo brings their music to life in a memorable and meaningful way. Drawing on their repertoire of over 250 songs and 30+ years of performing, Cathy & Marcy's shows bring families together and allow kids to have fun and learn at the same time.



THEMED CONCERTS FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Cathy & Marcy offer special concerts with specific themes. A few examples are: Celebrating ALL Families; Bon Appetit: Musical Food Fun!; Scat Like That: A Musical Word Odyssey and Cathy & Marcy's Folk Song Festival. Performances can also include a band (for an additional fee.)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/RESIDENCIES

Cathy & Marcy enjoy customizing residency and workshop programs that work best with your community. Here are a few examples:

- School Programs are available for pre-K and Elementary School Students.
- Cathy & Marcy welcome your local children's choir to join them for a public performance.
- Workshops on a variety of topics from "Music in the Classroom for the Non-Musician" (for educators) to songwriting, homemade instruments, Sing To Your Baby® (for caregivers and parents with their infants), and instrumental lessons and classes.



QUOTES

"Cathy & Marcy ROCKED the Human Rights Campaign's headquarters with a family concert that included EVERY family. Do yourself a favor and get Cathy & Marcy to your town to welcome ALL families."

– Ellen Kahn, Director, Children Youth and Families Program, Human Rights Campaign Foundation

"Cathy+Marcy=superb programs for families and children! Their shows over the years at Strathmore have been incredibly well-received, they are a duo extraordinaire!"

– Betty Scott, Education Director, The Music Center at Strathmore

"Cathy & Marcy provided an extremely engaging performance for the GLAF audience. The energy created was contagious and our local elementary "Rhythm and Rubbish Band" was invited to join them on stage and to learn new songs that delighted the children to no end!!! Local educators were excited and motivated to find more opportunities to bring music and music education to our community through the performance by Cathy & Marcy."

– Mary Mateer Callis, Garrett Lakes Arts Festival

"...you have won fans here in Southeastern Minnesota by touching the hearts and minds of students and adults alike. I give you my highest recommendation and look forward to the next time I have the privilege of working with you both. "

– Steven Schmidt, Rochester Civic Music/Riverside Concerts

"Cathy & Marcy walked into a room with 1200 kindergarten through second graders anxiously waiting. Within seconds they had everyone in the room on their feet...moving, singing, dancing, laughing and hula hooping..."

– John Sheffler, Central Michigan University

"The children in our program loved Cathy & Marcy's performance. It was fun and interactive, they enjoyed singing along and participating in each part of the show. The music was upbeat, positive and engaging..."

– Laura Fike, Program Director, Garrett Mentors

"Cathy & Marcy presented perfectly age-appropriate workshops for students from pre-kindergarten thru 7th grade and had the students interacting with them effortlessly... By the day's end you could hear Cathy's & Marcy's songs being sung all over the campus.... They also put on an amazing and fun family performance, encouraging kids and parents to dance and interact with the music. This proved to be the school's most productive fundraiser in many senses of the word."

– Robin Willis, Sponsor/Organizer and Grandparent, Taos Waldorf School, NM

PAST APPEARANCES (PARTIAL LIST)

Cerritos Center (CA) • Philadelphia International Children's Festival • Smithsonian Institution • Ravinia Festival • Bethlehem Musikfest • DC Public Libraries • Purdue Convocations • Wolftrap International Children's Festival • KidsFest (Winnipeg, MB) • Library of Congress • National Read Across America Celebration with Michelle Obama • Symphony Space • National Association for the Education of Young Children • The Music Center at Strathmore • Earlville Opera House • White House Easter Egg Roll • Skirball Center for the Arts • John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

AWARDS, MEDIA APPEARANCES, SPECIAL NOTICES

- NPR Morning Edition
- Weekend Today Show
- CBS Second Cup Café
- National Press Club
- Washington Area Musical Association Awards (over 50 awards) including: Best Children's Vocalist; Best Children's Group/Duo; Best Children's Recording
- GRAMMY Award Nominations: 2009, 2007, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1997
- GRAMMY Awards: 2005, 2004
- Reviews: The Washington Post, LA Times, Philadelphia Inquirer, TV Guide, Out With The Kids, Time Out NY Kids
- John Lennon Songwriting Contest Finalists 2014
- John Lennon Songwriting Contest Grand Prize, 2006
- USA Songwriting Contest Winners, Children's Music 2011, 2009
- Midatlantic Songwriting Contest, Gold Award Children's Music 2014



SELECTED DISCOGRAPHY

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY RECORDINGS

DANCIN' IN THE KITCHEN: songs for ALL families (Community Music, Inc. 2015)
Sing To Your Baby® (Community Music, Inc. 2010, Peter Randall Publishing 2012)
Triple Play EP (Community Music, Inc. 2010)
Banjo to Beatbox with Special Guest Christylez Bacon (Community Music, Inc. 2009)*
Scat Like That: A Musical Word Odyssey (Rounder 2005)*
cELLAbration: A Tribute to Ella Jenkins (Smithsonian Folkways 2004)**
Bon Appetit! Musical Food Fun (Rounder 2003)**
Pocket Full of Stardust (Rounder 2002)*
All Wound Up: A Family Music Party (Cathy & Marcy and Brave Combo) (Rounder 2001)*
Pillow Full of Wishes (Rounder 2000)*
Changing Channels (Rounder 1998)*
Blanket Full of Dreams (Rounder 1996)*
Air Guitar (High Windy 1994, Community Music, Inc. 2010)
A Cathy & Marcy Collection (Rounder 1994)
Nobody Else Like Me (A&M 1994, Community Music, Inc. 2012)
Help Yourself (Rounder 1992, Community Music, Inc. 2012)
The Runaway Bunny/Goodnight Moon (Harper Collins 1989)
When The Rain Comes Down (Rounder, 1987)
Jump Children (Rounder, 1986)
Grandma Slid Down The Mountain (Rounder 1984)

*= GRAMMY® Finalist

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Additional awards for various family CD's include the American Library Association, Notable Record Award, Parents' Choice Gold Award, Early Childhood News Directors' Choice Award, Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Award.



"...speaks to the unique ways love brings people together as family.....lets the music take me there. Brilliant."

— KATHY O'CONNELL, WXPB KIDS CORNER

"...could be the 'Free to Be...You and Me' of a new generation."

— AUTOSTRADDLE

"A tribute to diverse families... a soundtrack for 21st century families."

— CURVE MAGAZINE