



## Music Play for ALL Young Children!

Jim Gill spent twenty years directing programs in music play for families with children with special needs. His unique approach of combining word play and movement opportunities into songs were developed through this work.

In this energizing session Jim will share a number of his creations in music play and discuss the opportunities that such play provides for children of all abilities to participate. Just as importantly, Jim will discuss how music play provides so many opportunities for caring adults to get involved in the play.

Everyone is sure to leave the session inspired to share a new repertoire of songs and musical games with the children they love and care for. Even more, they will leave with a renewed excitement about music play as a joyous context for teaching and learning.

## Biography

Jim Gill is a musician and author with unique credentials among children's artists. Jim is a child development specialist, completing his graduate studies in child development at the Erikson Institute of Chicago with a special emphasis on the study of play. For this reason, each of Jim's recordings and books is created as an opportunity for playful interactions between a child and a caring adult.

Jim has released seven award-winning CDs of music play for young children that are favorites in family rooms, classrooms and playrooms. His newest recording, ***Vote For Jim Gill***, is filled with 14 brand new sing-alongs, dance-alongs and finger plays. Jim is also the author of two children's books. ***A Soup Opera***, Jim's silly sing-along opera story, received an **American Library Association** award in 2010.

Over the years Jim has shared his expertise and ideas on music, play and literacy with organizations such as Head Start, The National Association for the Education of Young Children, The National Association for Family Child Care and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

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