

FunkeyMonkeys!

The **FunkeyMonkeys** are new, they're hot, and they're wild. *Noggin VP and Creative Director* Amy Friedman hails the FunkeyMonkeys as "truly innovative, hilarious for adults, and delirious for kids"

Created by *Dora the Explorer* composer **Joshua Sitron**, the **Funkeymonkeys** are more than just a rock band for kids. They are an interactive musical-storytelling experience. Each monkey plays a variety of instruments, is trained in improv comedy, and has extensive professional experience working with children. From **Mike Gold**-- the master balloon twister known as Ballooniac, to **Carey White**--zany, golden throated violin virtuoso and yenta, to musical wunderkind **Brian Carter**--drummer, flutist, guitarist, pianist, clarinetist (shall I go on), the FunkeyMonkeys never fail to thrill audiences of all ages.

Now, every children's show claims to be "enjoyable for kids and parents alike." But listen to these testimonials: "My girlfriend and I came by ourselves (and for ourselves...i.e., without kids) and we **LOVED YOUR SHOW!!!!** My girlfriend later told me that she hadn't smiled and laughed so much in a long time. We both thought that your skits and presentation and interactions were **highly creative, original and totally charming.**"--- "My 2-year old daughter and I had a **fantastic time, the show was so clever, music so catchy.**"--- "Thanks for the **natural high!**"

Because their show is so improvisatory, the **FunkeyMonkeys** are, in the words of Jonathan Hochwald, *President of SFX Family Entertainment*, "so great, so **honest and real**" in a way not seen in typical entertainment. This also provides for huge variety. No two FunkeyMonkey shows are alike, and entirely new shows are created for specific events, holidays and venues. Recently, the group gave a Jewish-themed performance sponsored by the JCC in NY's Riverside park, which drew a crowd of 300.

The **FunkeyMonkeys** are so entertaining, it's hard to believe that there is a method to the madness, but--

Writer/Producer **Kimberly Foster** is a licensed Myers Briggs practitioner, who has taught pre-school and elementary school in Australia, LA and New York City. Recently, she has served as a Teaching Artist for the greater NYC area. She is also the Artistic Director of *Magic Bridge Theatre Company* in Manhattan. She infuses the 'monkey material with **Myers-Briggs theory of personality types** and **Howard Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences**. The Four FunkeyMonkeys represent four different human temperaments, and must learn to coexist despite their differences.