

Maria Sangiolo – Kid’s Performance Biography

Maria Sangiolo has been singing since she first heard “the angel of music” as a young girl riding in the back seat of her parents’ blue Chevy station wagon. With the voice of an angel, she has been making folk fans in New England for the past twenty-five years.

After a successful career in the adult contemporary folk circuit, Maria planted roots in Northeast Connecticut and started a family. As Maria’s fans joined her in the ranks of parenthood, she fielded increasing requests to record a children’s CD. In 2000 Maria released “*Hello Moon*,” which was honored with a NAPPA Gold Award, following in 2004 with “*Fairy Moon: Songs of the Ring*,” which was honored with a NAPPA Gold Award, Parents’ Choice Honors, and a Children’s Web Music Award. In 2007 she released “*Under the Mystic Sea*,” and received a 2007 NAPPA Honors Award, Parents’ Choice Award and Children’s Music Web Award – Best Recording for Young Children.

Her most recent family recording, ***Maria and Friends – Planting Seeds***, won **the Parents Choice Gold Award in 2011** and was funded in part by a music composition grant awarded to Maria by the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism Artist Fellowship Grant Program. It features Alastair Mook, SteveSongs, Lori McKenna, Lui Collins, Sally Rogers, Tracy Grammer, Peter Mulvey, Mark Erelli, and Sangiolo singing songs to promote agriculture and sustainability.

In August of 2017, she was awarded the Edwin Way Teale Artist in Residency and spent a week resting and writing amongst the trees and trails around Hampton Brook at the Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary, a 157-acre estate managed by CT Audubon in Hampton, CT. This experience has produced a new collection of songs about the Teale’s, their friends and the trails and trees. They will be released digitally on her website in the fall of 2017.

Born in the suburbs of Boston, Massachusetts, Maria began her musical training on the violin, advancing as a high-school student to guitar and private voice lessons at the New England Conservatory of Music. As she earned her degree at Boston’s Simmons College, Maria expanded her vocal repertoire to embrace jazz, popular music, and classical art songs. When she discovered the Christmas Revels of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Maria was captivated by the groups’ celebrations in song of the winter and spring solstices. She joined its volunteer chorus to spend two years under the direction of John Langstaff, the noted performer and children’s music educator.

Maria’s family concerts are geared to big kids and their little ones. No fluffy, kids’ material here her concerts are educational, entertaining and above all fun and engaging. Her high energy and exciting musical experience sends children bouncing out of their seats, singing and learning all at the same time.

Discography

Hello Moon, RRR 2000

The Way We Live, RRR 2002

Fairy Moon - Songs of the Ring, RRR 2004

Under the Mystic Sea RRR 2007

Maria and Friends - Planting Seeds RRR 2011

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