

Program Name: Janie Next Door- Music for Kids!

Artist: Jane Christison

Special Requirements:

An electrical outlet within 20 feet of the performance area is needed for the artist's P.A. system.

Performance Description

Janie Next Door® Music for Kids! is an upbeat, entertaining, interactive live musical performance by Jane Christison. Students, teachers and parents are encouraged to sing along, march, clap hands in time to the music, dance and have fun with songs that will stick in your head, and you won't want them to leave.

Janie's playful original songs engage children with tuneful bounce and irresistible rhythms – and she introduces students to an instrument they don't often get to hear . . . the accordion!



Educational Objectives & Standards

Students will:

- Students will be taught concert etiquette.
- Students will be introduced to an instrument they don't often get to hear, the accordion.

Standards addressed:

- Engage in active listening and practice listening to and following instructions
- Responding to music with purposeful movement such as marching, skipping and dramatic play

Artist Bio: Jane Christison



Janie Next Door® is also known as musician, entertainer, singer, song-writer Jane Christison. Her performances feature the engaging, original songs from Jane's award-winning CD, *Come Sing Along with Janie Next Door™*. Recipient of the prestigious Mom's Choice Award Approved by Parents' Choice Family-Approved by the Dove Foundation, Winner of a Tillywig Toy & Media Sterling Fun Award, Creative Child Awards 2013 CD of the Year-Kids Sing & Dance CD's Category.

Jane studied accordion with Joan Cochran Sommers at the UMKC Conservatory of Music and graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree in accordion performance. Jane has been featured as a guest artist at accordion festivals throughout the United States, performing and presenting workshops.

With her engaging personality and an irresistible smile, you're sure to enjoy the music of Jane Christison.

List of Resources:

Music:

The "Come Sing Along with Janie Next Door" CD (which includes a booklet with all the song lyrics) is available at www.janienextdoor.com, www.CDBaby.com, Amazon, Barnes & Noble online and iTunes. Some teachers may want to play the CD for students in advance of the performance.

Contact KCYA for more information about this and other programs

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Vocabulary

Nickname: a name substituted for the name of a person

Concert: a musical performance

Concert etiquette: how we act and behave at a musical performance or concert

Applaud: to show approval (of) especially by clapping hands

Chorus: the part of the song that repeats over and over

Seersucker: a type of fabric or material

Accordion: a musical instrument with a keyboard that looks like a piano, with bellows, buttons and switches

Partner: one's companion in a dance, two people together

Post-Performance Activities

Instrument Reflections

- Accordion

Song Reflections

- "Can I Go Out and Play?"
 - What sort of activities can be done outside?
 - What do they like to do outside?
 - How is playing outside good for them?

Concert Etiquette

- Sit still
- Listen politely
- Stay quiet, do not talk to neighbors
- Do not applaud until the song is completely over (when a conductor

has lowered his or her hands)

- Applaud the performance by
- clapping your hands together
- No yelling or screaming as to not distract those around you.

Overall Reflections

- What did they like about the performance?
- What was something new that they learned?
- How do they think the skills they performed today might apply in their everyday lives?