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JODI KOPLIN and the JIGGLEJAM BAND keep the music alive!

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Children's performer Jodi Koplin's goal has always been rather simple – "Make the world a better place through music." Through her teachings at the Old Town School of Folk Music, her songs on the brand new children's CD 'Jumpin' Bean' and her enthusiastic performances throughout the Chicagoland area, Jodi Koplin is indeed reaching her goals.



"I had never had any formal training in guitar or music, but at the age of 35, I quit my job and decided it was time to follow my dreams," says Koplin, who resides in nearby Riverwoods.

"I wanted to keep the child in me alive, and music allows me to do exactly that. There is nothing better than getting on stage and singing with the children."

Dazzling young audiences for over two decades, Koplin's very own JiggleJam Band has earned the title of 'the hottest kid's band to hit Chicago'. No matter if it's rock & roll, calypso or the blues, Jodi's up-tempo music and sing along songs are designed to not only keep children jumping around, but learning at the same time.

"Music can be fun and educational at the same time," explains Koplin, whose debut CD 'Kangarooster' has been widely praised by kids of all ages. "The songs that I perform get kids' bodies and imaginations moving!"

With song titles such as 'Frog in My Throat', 'Bouncing on the Bed' and 'Achoo Blues', Koplin's new CD 'Jumpin' Bean' looks like it will be another one children are sure to love. Interested in celebrating the new CD right alongside her? Join Jodi Koplin & the JiggleJam Band at a very special CD release concert, scheduled for Saturday, March 31 at 11am at the Old Town School of Folk Music, 4545 N. Lincoln Avenue in Chicago. Tickets are \$12 and more information can be found at www.oldtownschool.org.

"We will have a full band along with the JiggleJam kids chorus on hand during what is sure to be a fun morning of music," she says. "There is nothing better than Jiggling with Jodi!"

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