

THE
**LAURIE
BERKNER
BAND**



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SERIES**

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MEET THE ARTISTS

Laurie Berkner was born in France to American parents and grew up in Princeton, New Jersey, where she could often be found singing in choirs, playing in bands, and performing in musical theatre productions. While attending Rutgers University, Laurie also toured Europe as a choir soloist and orchestral guitar player. After college, she worked as a children's music specialist while playing out in rock bands at night but she soon discovered that combining those two worlds would create her greatest success. Through ten best selling albums, features on Nick Jr.'s *Move to the Music* series, *Jack's Big Music Show*, and Sprout's *Sunny Side Up*, honors from Parents' Choice® and National Parenting Publications Awards, a popular SiriusXM segment, book publications, two Off-Broadway children's shows, and an innovative teacher-training program, Laurie has stayed at the forefront of creating "songs that matter for children." Along with the impressive talent of band members Susie Lampert (keyboards), Brady Rymer (bass), and Bob Golden (drums/percussion), Berkner joyfully shares her smart, original style on stages from the Carnegie Hall to the White House—and now, right here in Central Illinois!

TEACHER NOTE

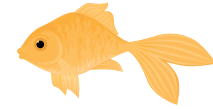
Head to the Youth Series Laurie Berkner page for online resources and classroom activities with curricular connections. You can find that page in the Engage + Learn section of KrannertCenter.com.

"The queen of children's music."
—PEOPLE MAGAZINE

CREATURE MATCH

The Laurie Berkner Band sings songs about all kinds of creatures! Match the correct image to the highlighted word in the song titles below. (For students who may not yet be reading, use beginning letter sounds to try to guess what the matches are.)

Monster Boogie



The Goldfish



We are the Dinosaurs



Bumblebee (Buzz Buzz)

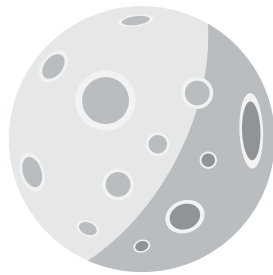


I Know a Chicken



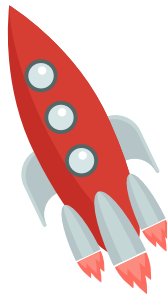
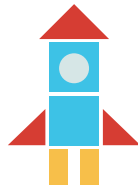
Pig on her Head





5...4...3...2...1...

Blast off on a “rocket ship run” with this shape-based craft project based on one of Laurie’s most beloved songs. Educators can pre-cut the shapes for younger students or have older students practice tracing and cutting shapes before assembling. (Tangrams could also be used for a no-mess version of this activity.) You’ll need two squares, three triangles, two rectangles, and a circle—all made out of colorful paper. Construct your rocket ship by gluing or taping shapes into place on construction paper or for the more adventurous types, attach them to a paper towel roll! Then, get creative by customizing your space ride with markers, crayons, glitter, and more! Now head to the moon, moon, moon!



WHAT'S YOUR SONG?

Laurie Berkner writes songs about all kinds of things from interesting animals, to feelings we have every day. What would you write a song about?

Do you have a favorite song? What do you like about it? The words (lyrics)? The rhymes? The tune? The way it makes you want to move?



ON THE MAP

THE LAURIE BERKNER BAND
COMES FROM...

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK



THE LAURIE BERKNER BAND

THE GREATEST HITS

Youth Series Performance

Friday, September 16, 2016 at 10am
Tryon Festival Theatre
Approximately 60 minutes

Recommended grades: PreK-2

Marquee Public Performance

Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 10am

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LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

Krannert Center has partnered with Champaign Public Library and The Urbana Free Library to help expand your students' Youth Series experience. Our local libraries have placed materials that relate to *The Laurie Berkner Band* on display, and librarians are prepared to help your students immerse themselves in the wide-ranging subject areas that are covered by the production. These resources will be available approximately two weeks before through two weeks following the performance.

www.champaign.org
www.urbanafreelibrary.org

We hope that you are able to take advantage of these exciting partnerships with our local libraries!