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2015 Newsletter

<u>Hello!</u>

Happy New Year and hello from central VA! In my newsletter last year, I stated that I was looking forward to continuing this amazing journey in 2014, my junior year of children's entertainment, and that played out to be absolutely true. I was blessed to take my show to so many venues in 2014 - spring festivals, summer camps, preschools, child development centers, churches, and pretty much every retail shopping center around Richmond. I also did a fun summer tour around VA for



library summer reading programs, signed-on with a local Chick-fil-A for a monthly series,

and began a partnership with a charity that places entertainers in children's hospitals. Of everything I did in 2014, doing shows for kids at the UVA and Georgetown hospitals was at the top of my list. 2014 was a blessing and yes, a continuation of this amazing journey! A huge THANK YOU to everyone who booked, promoted, attended, or just listened.

Book Your Show for Kids in 2015!



This past year, my live music show introduced a new partner, Vern the Bird, as part of my ventriloquism segment. The creation of Axtell Expressions, Vern



shared stories, told jokes, and even sang a rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In" with me live. The kids fell in love with Vern. Accordingly, he will continue to be part of my show in 2015, along with

my new friend Art, a very serious and reserved dry erase board, and my old buddy Billy the Bird. I found that audiences still wanted to hear their favorites from "All Together Now," the collection for children that I released in 2011. However, several tunes from my



upcoming CD also became crowd favorites, but more on that in a minute. It

was also a blessing to have my father Pete join me last year on light percussion and harmony vocals. He will be with me again in 2015. The show is going to be a blast, so secure your date! As I always do, I offer to work with your organization's budget and need considering the varying level of resources out there.

Finally, a New Children's CD in 2015!

The new CD is written and I will go into the studio in March to lay down tracks, with an expected release date in early summer. Song topics will cover the fifty states, the US Presidents, brothers, birthdays, the craziness of kids' activity schedules, friends in the neighborhood,



superheroes, exercise, knock-knock jokes, great Dads, letters, numbers, shapes, colors, and of

course, the pure joy of childhood. It is going to be a fun CD, jam packed with cool topics. So stay tuned!

The Coachmen

During 2014, I continued to travel and perform with my family's music legacy group, promoting the release of



our 7th CD "Take Me To The Valley." We also just finished our annual Christmas tour throughout VA and it was our best ever. While I plan to take some time off from the group to focus more on my

children's music and other ventures, The Coachmen will continue to travel and stay very active during 2015.

Singer, Songwriter, Musician, Ventriloquist, Parent



For those not familiar with me, I am a young father who performs educational, entertaining and interactive music shows for kids. I am passionate about using my talent to promote live music and family values.

Venues Played or Booked for 2015

20/20 Vision Ministries, Charlottesville, VA Art in the Park (Gypsy Hill Park), Staunton, VA Beatley Library, Alexandria, VA Bon Air Library, Richmond, VA Bridge Day Staunton, Staunton, VA Bright Horizons Child Development Center, Richmond, VA Broad Rock Library, Richmond, VA Central Library, Chesterfield, VA Chautaugua Festival, Wytheville, VA Chester Library, Chester, VA Chesterbrook Academy, Richmond, VA Chesterfield Towne Center (Kids Club), Midlothian, VA Chick-fil-A Moms Monday, Waynesboro, VA Chick-fil-A Family Night, Midlothian, VA Children's Museum of Richmond, Richmond, VA Clover Hill Children's Center, Midlothian, VA Clover Hill Library, Midlothian, VA Discoveroo at the Ntelos Pavilion, Charlottesville, VA Duncan Library, Alexandria, VA Eggstravaganza at Bennetts Creek Park, Suffolk, VA Enon Library, Chester, VA First Baptist Church, Staunton, VA Georgetown Hospital, Washington, DC Goochland Drive-In Theater, Goochland, VA Greenwood Elementary School, Glen Allen, VA Henrico County Summer Camp, Richmond, VA Henrico Doctors Hospital, Richmond, VA Heritage Christian Academy, Mechanicsville, VA Heritage Library, Charles City, VA Heritage Library, New Kent, VA Hunton Community Center, Glen Allen, VA Jerusalem Chapel Family Night, Churchville, VA Kids Night Out Downtown, Staunton, VA Kilmer Center School, Vienna, VA Lancaster Community Library, Kilmarnock, VA LaPrade Library, Richmond, VA Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Richmond, VA Main Library, Hampton VA

Magnolia Ridge Community Pavilion, Glen Allen, VA Maymont Children's Farm, Richmond, VA Meadowdale Library, Richmond, VA Middlesex YMCA, Hartfield, VA Midlothian Library, Midlothian, VA New Hope Christian Church, Alberta, VA New Kent Parks and Recreation Camp, New Kent, VA Northampton Library, Hampton, VA Old Powhatan Baptist Church Easter Festival, Powhatan, VA Phoebus Library, Hampton, VA Powhatan County Fair, Powhatan, VA Promises Preschool, Richmond, VA Richmond County Public Library, Warsaw, VA. River Road Church Preschool, Richmond, VA Shady Grove United Methodist Preschool, Glen Allen, VA Shenandoah County Library, Edinburg, VA Shiloh United Methodist Carnival, Montpelier, VA Short Pump Town Center (Short Pump Pals), Glen Allen, VA St. Andrews United Methodist Church, Richmond, VA Staunton Public Library, Staunton, VA Stony Point Fashion Park (Summer Sounds), Richmond, VA Street Market at the Depot, Staunton, VA Tabb Public Library, Yorktown, VA The Cedarhouse School, Midlothian, VA The Learning Connection Preschool, Mechanicsville, VA The Learning Experience, Glen Allen, VA Twin Hickory Library, Glen Allen, VA UVA Children's Hospital, Charlottesville, VA VCU Child Development Center, Richmond, VA Villages of Leesburg, Leesburg, VA Virginia Discovery Museum, Charlottesville, VA Walkerton Tavern Spring Festival, Glen Allen, VA Waynesboro Public Library, Waynesboro, VA Western Branch Primary School, Chesapeake, VA Willow Lawn Shopping Center Mommy & Me, Richmond, VA Willow Oaks Library, Hampton, VA Winns Baptist Church, Glen Allen, VA Yorktown Public Library, Yorktown, VA

"If we are going to teach the world to stop hating the different, the other, then we're going to have to start with children." - Mary Travers (Peter, Paul, and Mary)