

Chris Campbell Richmond, VA



Singer, Songwriter, and Ventriloquist for Kids!



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ABOUT

Chris Campbell is a family entertainer, based in Richmond, VA. As a singer, songwriter, musician, and ventriloquist, Chris performs for kids at libraries, elementary schools, preschools, child development centers, churches, and various other private events and community venues. 2012 marked Chris's first year performing shows for kids, promoting "All Together Now," his introductory CD and song collection for children. His music and singing are completely live and original, with a sound that is an acoustic blend of folk and pop.

The program is upbeat and interactive, and the use of props, comedy, and motion facilitate engagement in the topic at hand. The show is tailored to ages 3-10 and is designed with the entire family in mind, creating a unique experience that both parent and child will long to repeat. As an avid ventriloquist, Chris also introduces comical characters and illusion-based props, contributing to the variety format. The personalities and special effects of the characters steal the show, and the hearts of the children! Fun, entertaining, educational, and family-focused are all words commonly used to describe this show.

During 2015, Chris released his second song collection for children named "Be A Kid." Comprised solely of material written by Chris, the project received positive acceptance by his followers and continued to demonstrate the strong success of "All Together Now" relative to online sales at iTunes, Amazon and other digital music retailers.

Chris has performed at numerous venues that cater to children's programming, primarily across VA, and maintains a loyal, repeat portfolio of clients. While Chris maintains a standard show in any given year, he is often asked to perform theme-based shows and is flexible to deliver in that regard. Chris offers a complete, self-sufficient package to clients, including sound, instruments, stage props, product sales operating, and all equipment handling. The show is scalable for larger and smaller venues. Generally, Chris's only requirements relate to performance space, access to electricity, setup/tear-down time, and a willingness to promote the show as applicable.

As the second-generation member and manager of the VA-based music group, The Coachmen, Chris has been an established regional artist for many years. For those who know Chris, the move toward children's entertainment is no surprise. He has been known for years to have his children participate on stage, and to write and record music that stems from his day-to-day experiences as a father.

Originally from Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, Chris resides in Glen Allen, Virginia (Richmond suburb) with his wife Tonya, daughter Riley (11), son Deacon (8) and "peke-a-poo" dog Casey (15).



VENUES/CLIENTS (2012-Present)



Libraries/Summer Reading Programs:

Beatley Library, Alexandria, VA

Blackwater Library - Waverly Branch, Waverly, VA

Bon Air Library, Richmond, VA

Broad Rock Library, Richmond, VA

Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles, VA

Central Library, Chesterfield, VA

Chester Library, Chester, VA

Clover Hill Library, Midlothian, VA

Colonial Heights Public Library, Colonial Heights, VA

Duncan Library, Alexandria, VA

Enon Library, Chester, VA

Ettrick-Matoaca Library, South Chesterfield, VA

Fluvanna County Public Library, Palmyra, VA

Heritage Library, Charles City, VA

Heritage Library, New Kent, VA

Lancaster Community Library, Kilmarnock, VA

LaPrade Library, Richmond, VA

Lynchburg Public Library, Lynchburg, VA

Main Library, Hampton VA

Meadowdale Library, Richmond, VA

Middlesex County Public Library/YMCA, Hartfield, VA

Midlothian Library, Midlothian, VA

Newport News Library - Grissom, Newport News, VA

Newport News Library - Main Street, Newport News, VA

Newport News Library - Pearl Bailey, Newport News, VA

Newport News Library - South Morrison, Newport News, VA

Northampton Library, Hampton, VA

Pamunkey Library - Atlee, Mechanicsville, VA

Pamunkey Library - Cochrane Rockville, Rockville, VA

Pamunkey Library – Goochland Branch, Goochland, VA

Pamunkey Library - Hanover Branch, Hanover, VA

Pamunkey Library - King and Queen, St. Stephen's Church, VA

Pamunkey Library – Jones / Montpelier, Montpelier, VA

Pamunkey Library - Mechanicsville, Mechanicsville, VA

Pamunkey Library - Gillis, Jr. / Ashland, Ashland, VA

Pamunkey Library - Upper King William, King William, VA

Pamunkey Library - West Point Branch, West Point, VA

Petersburg Public Library, Petersburg, VA

Phoebus Library, Hampton, VA

Richmond County Public Library, Warsaw, VA

Shenandoah County Library, Edinburg, VA

Staunton Public Library, Staunton, VA

Strasburg Community Library, Strasburg, VA

Tabb Public Library, Yorktown, VA

Twin Hickory Library, Glen Allen, VA

Tuckahoe Library, Henrico, VA

Varina Library, Henrico, VA

Waynesboro Public Library, Waynesboro, VA

Williamsburg Library - James City County, Williamsburg, VA

Williamsburg Library - Williamsburg Branch, Williamsburg, VA

Willow Oaks Library, Hampton, VA

Yorktown Public Library, Yorktown, VA

Preschools/Child Development Centers:

All Aboard Child Development Center, Mechanicsville, VA Bon View School for Childhood Education, Richmond, VA Bright Horizons Child Development Center, Glen Allen, VA

Bright Horizons Child Development Center, Charlottesville, VA

Bright Horizons Child Development Center, Fishersville, VA

Bundle of Joy - Hanover, Ashland, VA

Bundle of Joy - Glen Allen, Glen Allen, VA

Bundle of Joy - Hermitage, Richmond, VA

Chesterbrook Academy, Richmond, VA

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Children of America Center, Glen Allen, VA

Childtime Learning Center, Midlothian, VA

Clover Hill Children's Center, Midlothian, VA

Minnieland Academy, Midlothian, VA

Promises Preschool, Richmond, VA

Rainbow Station at Wyndham, Glen Allen, VA

Reveille Weekday School, Richmond, VA

River Road Church Preschool, Richmond, VA

Shady Grove United Methodist Preschool, Glen Allen, VA

The Cedarhouse School, Midlothian, VA

The Learning Connection Preschool, Mechanicsville, VA

The Learning Experience Center, Glen Allen, VA

VCU Child Development Center, Richmond, VA

Churches/Charities:

20/20 Vision Ministries, Charlottesville, VA C2Adopt Annual Family Celebration, Richmond, VA Christ United Methodist Church VBS, Staunton, VA First Baptist Church, Staunton, VA Four Mile Creek Baptist Church Fall Festival, Henrico, VA Georgetown Hospital, Washington, DC Henrico Doctors Hospital, Richmond, VA Jerusalem Chapel Family Night, Churchville, VA Kilmer Center School, Vienna, VA New Hope Christian Church, Alberta, VA Old Powhatan Baptist Easter Festival, Powhatan, VA Patterson Avenue Baptist Fall Festival, Richmond VA Shenandoah Valley Adoption Banquet, Fishersville, VA Shiloh United Methodist Carnival, Montpelier, VA St. Andrews United Methodist Church, Richmond, VA Staunton Church of Christ, Staunton, VA Swift Creek Presbyterian Church, Mosely, VA United Christian Church, Richmond, VA Winns Baptist Church Fall Festival, Glen Allen, VA UVA Children's Hospital, Charlottesville, VA

Elementary Schools:

Bellwood Elementary School Reading Night, Richmond, VA Good Shepherd Episcopal School, Richmond, VA Grange Hall Elementary School, Mosely, VA Greenwood Elementary School, Glen Allen, VA Heritage Christian Academy, Mechanicsville, VA Hugh K Cassell Elementary School, Waynesboro, VA Western Branch Primary School, Chesapeake, VA

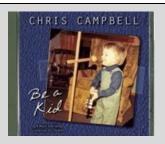
Community Programs/Events:

Art in the Park (Gypsy Hill Park), Staunton, VA Blessing of the Fleet Festival, Bushwood, MD Brandermill Community, Midlothian, VA Bridge Day Staunton, Staunton, VA Chautaugua Festival, Wytheville, VA Chesterfield Towne Center (Kids Club), Midlothian, VA Chick-fil-A, Westchester Commons, Midlothian, VA Chick-fil-A, Waynesboro, VA Children's Museum of Richmond, Richmond, VA Discoveroo at the Ntelos Wireless Pavilion, Charlottesville, VA Eggstravaganza at Bennetts Creek Park, Suffolk, VA Family Fiestas at Ridgeview Park, Waynesboro, VA Goochland Drive-In Theater, Goochland, VA Hallsley Community, Midlothian, VA Henrico County Parks and Rec Summer Camp, Richmond, VA Henrico Theater, Richmond, VA Hunton Community Center, Glen Allen, VA Joliff Day School Summer Camp, Chesapeake, VA Kids Night Out Downtown, Staunton, VA

Riley Outdoor Concert Series, W.O. Riley Park, Woodstock, VA Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Richmond, VA Live Arts For Little Ones at The Other Barn, Columbia, MD Live At The Pavilion! - Courthouse, Spotsylvania, VA Magnolia Ridge Community Pavilion, Glen Allen, VA Maymont Children's Farm, Richmond, VA New Kent Parks and Recreation Summer Camp, New Kent, VA PAC'n the Streets Festival, Staunton, VA Powhatan County Fair, Powhatan, VA Richmond Flying Squirrels AA Baseball, Richmond, VA Short Pump Town Center, Glen Allen, VA Stony Point Fashion Park, Richmond, VA Strawberry Street Festival (Fox Elementary), Richmond, VA Street Market at the Depot, Staunton, VA UVA Center for Politics (kids day), Charlottesville, VA Villages of Leesburg, Leesburg, VA Virginia Discovery Museum, Charlottesville, VA Walkerton Tavern Spring Festival, Glen Allen, VA Willow Lawn - Children's Theatre of VA, Richmond, VA Yankee Candle Village Fall Festival, Williamsburg, VA

CLIENT REVIEWS







"If you can attend one of Chris' shows, DO IT! He's one of the most talented entertainers I've ever had the pleasure of working with. His show will delight you whether you're eight or eighty. Everyone at the Chautauqua Festival was laughing and dancing. The next time he's in your town, run, don't walk, to the show!!!"

Children's Librarian

"We all thoroughly enjoyed Chris' show and I appreciated the interaction and audience involvement. That helps to keep our little ones attention. Music can play such a positive role in young ones learning abilities. Thank you for fulfilling that role in such a wonderful manner."

Children's Librarian

"Long after the evening program at the Staunton Public Library was over, voices could be heard singing and little toes were still tapping as the refrains of music by artist, Chris Campbell, lingered in their hearts and minds. This talented musician provided a fun-filled event for young and old alike that touched on family, and country for all ages. To round out his program, using his ventriloquist skills with friend, Billy the Bird, laughter and song rang out to the beat of "When the Saints Go Marching In." So for an evening that promises good music, family values, and sheer fun look no farther than Mr. Chris Campbell."

Director of Library Children's Programming

"The Middlesex County Public Library had the pleasure of presenting a performance by Chris Campbell for its Summer Reading Program. The children enjoyed the humor and music which had them clapping and moving. Billy the Bird was a huge hit and a great singer too! Definitely would have them back again."

Library Youth Services Coordinator

"Chris Campbell presents an entertaining and interactive music program that is fun for kids of all ages."

Children's Librarian

"Chris Campbell keeps the audience engaged with his singing and funny jokes. His show was enjoyed by all!" Librarian

"Mr. Campbell was an awesome performer. He kept the children involved and entertained the entire time. They really loved his friends!"

Librarian

"We have placed Chris in our "faves" folder. We thank him for two great programs."

Librarian

"The students and their families loved Chris' entertainment. Watching the families interact with each other was just priceless. Chris had everyone laughing. Chris did a wonderful job incorporating reading into his performance so that our students could also understand the importance of reading. I would highly recommend Chris."

Public School Reading Specialist

"Chris did an awesome job with our kids! They were engaged, excited, and definitely entertained. His songs incorporate a lot of educational information and usually result in a lot of laughs. We look forward to him participating in other events at our school!"

Public School Teacher

"Chris Campbell has entertained our preschool families on several occasions and is by far one of our most popular guest musicians! His music is always fun, lively and appropriate for all ages, and the children delight in singing and dancing along with him. Chris is a very friendly, dependable entertainer - easy to communicate and coordinate with! I would highly recommend him for any family oriented / intergenerational program."

Preschool Teacher

"Chris Campbell recently performed at Shady Grove UMC Preschool. Our preschoolers wiggled and giggled throughout the show! They thoroughly enjoyed his music and his personality. We are looking forward to having him return next year!"

Preschool Director

"It was such a blessing to have Chris Campbell perform at our school! He has such a wonderful rapport with the children and his energy and enthusiasm are contagious. His lively, creative songs are sure to entertain!"

Preschool Director

"Chris has visited our child care center several times. His love for music and children shines bright! The children love his fun music and he makes is so entertaining. I would highly recommend Chris. He is professional, friendly, family-oriented and dependable."

Child Development Center Manager

"Chris Campbell comes every year for our summer camp. The kids love him. He keeps them singing and dancing and just does a wonderful job."

Child Development Center Manager

"Chris brought his gifts as a talented musician and singer, along with his unique ability to work within the time restraints and the theme of the evening, to lead our worship. Our ministry highly recommends Chris to any church or ministry that is seeking God's blessings on the service."

Pastor

"Chris Campbell presented a children's concert at our church carnival last summer. His concert was most enjoyable and held the attention of his young audience. Chris encouraged participation from the children and they loved being a part of his performance. If you have an opportunity to see his concert or hear his music, I am certain you will agree that Chris Campbell is an awesomely talented artist."

Children's Church Coordinator

"Everyone who attended Sunday's service was truly blessed beyond words. Everyone at VBS last night was still talking about how great the morning service was!! It was truly magical! You guys are always welcome at New Hope!"

Children's Church Coordinator

"Chris and his Dad really know how to "stir it up"! The teachers said they were one of their favorite performers and some of the nurses were dancing in the halls! They wished Chris and his Dad could be there every day! It was priceless to see some of the sickest children brighten up when Chris brought music to their rooms."

Assistant Director - Children's Hospital Education Program

"Chris did an amazing show for our Family Celebration! The kids were engaged, laughing, singing, and having fun. He was also very professional in regards to planning the event and communicating beforehand. I have hired many children's entertainers for events and Chris tops my list! I give him my highest recommendation!"

Adoption Nonprofit Manager

 $"Chris's \ musical \ talent \ and \ personable \ approach \ with \ an \ audience \ of \ all \ walks \ of \ life \ is \ truly \ remarkable!"$

Oncology Nurse / Organizer of a Cancer Survivorship Celebration

"Chris did back to back performances for our Annual Virginia Political History Day at the University of Virginia Center for Politics. Each year we host kindergarten through sixth grade children from YMCA, Boys and Girls Clubs and ACAC for a day of learning through fun activities. Chris has so many educational songs that were perfect for this age group and best of all he keeps the children engaged."

Director of Programs – Center for Politics

"Chris and his show were perfect for our Lively Arts Series. Most of our audience is made up of 3-5 year old's who happily sang and danced along with Chris. His show moved along at just the right pace, keeping everyone entertained, but also leaving everyone eagerly waiting for the arrival of the surprise animal puppets that talked and were able to get even the quieter children giggling. I would definitely invite Chris back for another performance and would recommend him to anyone looking for a fun, interactive musical performer for children."

Community Programs Manager

"Youngsters are on their feet, dancing, clapping, and singing with Chris Campbell almost the minute he first strums his guitar and sings the first note. A talented musician who, like magic, can immediately establish a disarming and fun rapport with children, Chris and his music make us all smile."

Arts Association Festival Director

"An excellent children's entertainer whose warmth and charisma turned the whole crowd, old and young alike, into personal fans by the end of his session."

Chick-fil-A Marketing Intern

"It was GREAT having Chris Campbell at Club Mom. We'd love to him back!"

Marketing Manager, Retail Center

"We hired Chris Campbell Music for our outdoor Spring event in the park and his performance was so much more than we could have hoped for. The positive energy and musical talent of the duo exceeded our expectations. The public loved his show even commenting their favorite part of the whole event was his talking bird! We cannot wait to bring Chris Campbell back for more events with the City!"

Parks and Recreation Manager

"I have known Chris for years and seen his love of children through his relationship with his daughter and son. Now you can see that passion expressed in songs that everyone can enjoy!"

Community Drive-In Theater Owner

"Chris's extensive musical experience is evident throughout the All Together Now project, but most of all, his passion for fun and family shines through on each and every song!"

Graphic Design Business Owner Supporting Independent Music Artists

"Chris performed for my son's 3rd birthday. It was fantastic! The entire preschool, children and teachers, had a ball singing and dancing. My son keeps asking, "when we will see Mr. Chris again"? Thank you so very much! Music and laughter was the best birthday gift!"

Mother

"On the way home from both concerts we attended, our kids wanted to know when we were going to go to another Chris Campbell concert."

Mother and Homeschooler

"Chris is not only a wonderful person to work with to coordinate concerts, but an extraordinary musician as well. My kids love his CD and I often find myself singing, "Where is My Lovee?"."

Mother and Community Social Coordinator

"My son was turning 8 and we had done all of the other themed parties. I had 27 children age ranges from 2 years to 11 years. Chris has a great kids' personality and the children immediately took to him. The show started and he immediately had all of their attention and had them interacting with him, even the adults. There was never a dull moment there were lots of laughs and squeals. If you are looking for someone who is great with kids and will be the TALK of the party, then Chris is who to call. I was very impressed how he interacted with each child and got everyone involved with the fun."

Mother

"Chris went above and beyond to make my daughter's birthday party special for everyone in attendance. I received many positive comments from parents of the kids that attended. In fact, several of the children brought Chris' CD to the daycare and insisted that the teachers play it often. His CD is now part of their music library and the kids sing (and dance) to his songs often during their music program. His show goes beyond just music though! There is dancing, there are puppets, there is learning, and there are lots and lots of laughs."

Mother