

# THE LITTLE ORCHESTRA THAT COULD

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It's never too early to get kids involved in music, and passionate about it. What most parents and caregivers find is that children love to sing, dance, and listen to all kinds of music. Many studies have even shown that introducing children to music at an early age can actually help with brain development, behavioral issues, and social growth. And at the very least, bringing music into their lives will provide them with fun and entertainment, and that shouldn't be overlooked. Additionally, introducing children to live music might just get them interested in playing an instrument, which could bring a new, enriching hobby into their lives.

This Spring, introduce your kids (and yourselves) to The Little Orchestra Society ([www.littleorchestra.org](http://www.littleorchestra.org)), which may be "little," but is big on fun, culture, and joy for kids. For children ages 3-5, the "LOLLI-POPS" program brings music to life in a way that's perfect for little ones who are just discovering live music. In "A Musical Toy Store," the music of Prokofiev, Bizet, Schumann, and Haydn illustrates how kids' favorite toys—

spinning tops, rocking horses, bouncing balls, and other toys—inspire this classical music. It's a fun, whimsical, delightful introduction to the classics. Shows are March 6 and March 7.

On May 15 and May 16, The Little Orchestra Society presents "Music Tells a Story," with special guest artist Peter Reynolds. Camille Saint-Saëns' beloved *Carnival of the Animals* comes to life as Reynolds creates original artwork before your children's eyes, making for a magical experience that combines music and art into one amazing show.

The Little Orchestra Society, currently led by Musical Director and Conductor Dino Anagnost, has been sharing live classical performances with young New Yorkers for 62 years, making for generations of music lovers. With original, fun, and innovative programs that speak to youngsters, they have been able to make music a passion for countless people, achieving their mission of making live performances a lifelong love.

*The Little Orchestra Society can be reached at 212-971-9500. For more information visit [www.littleorchestra.org](http://www.littleorchestra.org)*