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Jazz for Kids and Families at Clifton Park: Performing Arts at the Common

On Wednesday, August 14, at 7 p.m., ***The Mother Goose Jazz Band*** brings Jazz to children and families as a part of Clifton Park's Performing Arts at the Common series at the outdoor Clifton Common Stage. Performances are free and open to the public.

The Mother Goose Jazz Band, led by Director/ Saxophonist Josh Greenberg will be performing a fun 45-minute show that presents arrangements of traditional nursery rhymes in a variety of jazz styles, some set to the music of Jazz Greats, Sonny Rollins, Thelonious Monk, Charlie Parker, Dave Brubeck and others.

The Mother Goose Jazz Band's all-star lineup includes Cathy Olsen (Lead Vocals), Gene Garone (Drums), Wayne Hawkins (Piano), and Mike Lawrence (Bass).

For this concert, the group will also feature **The Music Studio Kids**, a multitalented performing troupe from The Music Studio, a celebrated music school in Colonie, New York. Led by Director Noel Liberty, The Music Studio Kids perform all over the Capital Region, including at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Racecourse, and the Palace Theater with the Albany Symphony Orchestra.

The Mother Goose Jazz Band brings Jazz, one of America's most significant contributions to world culture, to a whole new generation of listeners. Since 1994, Josh Greenberg, founder, director, and composer of ***The Mother Goose Jazz Band***, has performed with his band in a wide variety of venues including schools, performing arts centers, festivals, libraries, museums, and special events. ***The Mother Goose Jazz Band*** has performed at First Night New York City, The International Association of Jazz Educators, The New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Schenectady's Proctor's Theatre, The Albany Tulip Festival, and the Guilderland Performing Arts Center. ***The Mother Goose Jazz Band*** was awarded "Best Band for Kids and Their Parents" by The Albany Times Union. The albums have won awards from The American Library Association, Parent's Guide to Children's Media, Oppenheim Best Audio, and Critics' Choice Award from Family Life Magazine.

Josh Greenberg has produced three albums of original music, most recently an album of jazz for children, ***The Mother Goose Jazz Band***, See How They Run, " released in 2002. In 2003, three songs from this album were selected by The Boston Children's Museum to be part of a ten-year exhibit entitled, Making America's Music: Rhythm, Roots and Rhyme. The exhibit has traveled throughout the United States, Japan, the U.K. and Mexico.