

# The Cat's Pajamas

## Making Cool Music for Kids since 1995

**The Cat's Pajamas** makes *very* cool music for kids, bringing a musical comedy twist to high-octane kid-rock. Madcap theatricality (a plunger, shower cap, fly swatter, a four foot shark and more), three part harmony and a great band make this a truly unique and interactive show for the whole family. From the opening blast of percussion, syncopated claps and echoes to the unexpected request to put your finger in your bellybutton, audiences are totally hooked. Kids can't get enough of the zany fun. Parents applaud the sophisticated arrangements, rich harmonies and a repertoire that runs the gamut from swing to motown to rock 'n roll; it's music that's "not for kids only" (*Review, To The Bone*). Educators rave about the band's literacy-centric show, "Reading Rocks." Librarians love the original musical comedy they bring to summer reading programs. Promoters from Massachusetts to North Carolina book them for the crowds they attract and the electric performance they deliver.

### Awards

**National:** **The Children's Music Web**, "Best New Artists for Children, 2000."  
"Best Album for Young Children, 2002"

**State:** **PA Library Association**, *State Musicians*, 2002.

### The Albums

**Cool Music for Kids** was recorded by Janet and Debbie, the original "Cats." Widely praised by kids, parents and reviewed as "...a gem. Schreiner and Stahl are almost overqualified for the kid's market."

**Goin' Bananas** Recorded by the whole band as well as some of Philly's best sidemen, its hit singles, *Locomotion*, *Hugga Hugga* and *Waddlee-acha* are on the playlists of radio shows for kids across the country.

**Reading Rocks!** Our biggest and best album yet, The Cat's Pajamas celebrates books and the kids who read them. Backing vocals by The Tom Cats and a great new band including trumpet, trombone, saxophone, tuba and more. Loads of new music for parents and kids to love together.

**LIVE! It's The Cat's Pajamas!** Our live-concert DVD, filmed at the historic Colonial Theatre, celebrating the release of "Reading Rocks!" and our 10th Birthday. It's 60 minutes of rockin' Cat's Pajamas' music with our 5-piece band, hundreds of fans and all the fun of a live performance.

### Critics Say

*The Cat's Pajamas are perhaps the foremost family musical artist out there working today. Miss them at your own risk!*

Michael Jaworek, long-time promoter, The Birchmere  
*The production sparkles with care and quality. The Cat's Pajamas have become the most polished act in the Philly kiddie scene.*

Phil. Folksong Soc.

*The Cat's Pajamas make great music for everyone in the family - even DADS!*

Bill Harley, musician, composer and NPR commentator  
*You were electric on Saturday. You are a ROCK star!*

Happy Parents



### The Band

**Janet Schreiner**, lead vocalist and manager for The Cats Pajamas, has extensive experience in professional children's and musical theatre as an actor, director and producer, and as a teacher of theatre and early childhood music. Janet created The Cat's Pajamas in 1995 with **Debbie Stahl** on vocals, bass and guitar. Debbie has been on the music faculty of Germantown Friends School since 1981. **Christine Havrilla**, electric and acoustic guitars and vocals, was named one of the top 10 Indie Artists by Advocate Magazine. She has six award winning albums and a unique sound best described as "neofunkadelicfolkpoptwangrock." **Duane Large**, drums and guitar, is on the faculty of Temple University with Masters degrees in both classical guitar performance and music history and also plays drums with the Christine Havrilla Band. **Dan Kleiman**, keyboards, has performed and/or recorded with Ernie Watts, James Brown, The Fifth Dimension and many others and co-leads the world jazz group "Siora". **Justin Leigh**, a Temple music school grad, travels with the Reading Rocks show on drums. **Bob Beach** plays harmonica and flute with The Cats as well as with the Christine Havrilla Band and many other East Coast performers.

### Venue Highlights

The Kimmel Center, Sesame Place; World Cafe Live Peanut Butter and Jams; Philadelphia Museum of Art; Sunoco Welcome America; XPN All About the Music Festival; Keswick Theatre; Musikfest; Ocean City Music Pier; Rosetree Park Festival; Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Hershey's Chocolatetown Square, Please Touch Museum, Delaware Art Museum, Williams College Museum, Clark Art Museum, Eric Carle Museum & Regent Theatre, MA; Jammin'Java, VI; Edgecomb College, NC; Pottery Barn Kids across the east coast, Free Library of Philadelphia, Head Start, Reach Out and Read, Reading is Fundamental, Words Are Wonderful, and for thousands of children in schools and library systems.

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