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## Environmental Troubadour and New Media Producer

International children's entertainer Rosie Emery is a singer/songwriter, environmental educator and new media producer specializing in teaching children how all of life is interconnected, through the songs she writes and the programs she produces.

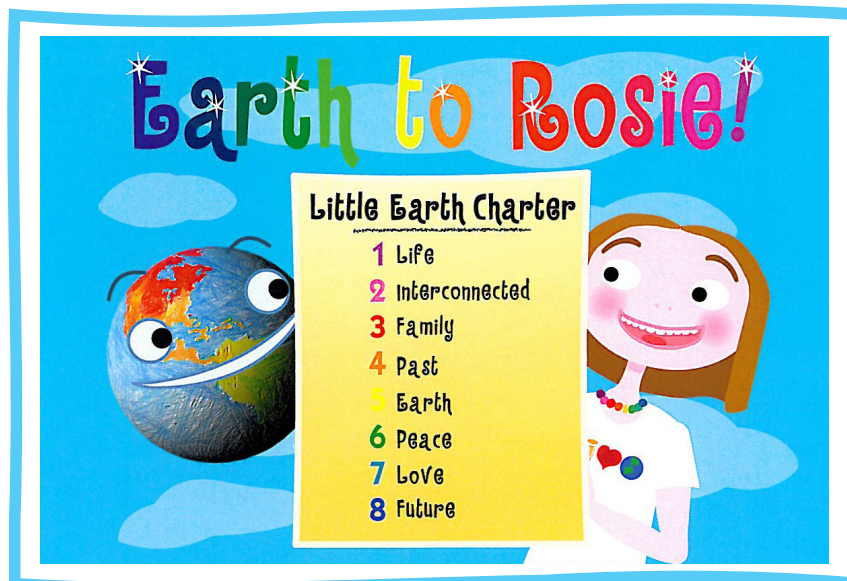
Since July 2004, Rosie has been partnered with WGCU Public Media (PBS) in Fort Myers, Florida to develop and produce their *Curious Kids* TV/Web and outreach programs which can be viewed at: [www.wgcu.org](http://www.wgcu.org) : these include the *Curious Kids Nature Club*, *Get Up*, *Get Out*, *Get Active* and *Safety Rules*. As the *Curious Kids* Ambassador, Rosie performs her up-beat music concerts at WGCU community events as well as in regional schools. She is currently developing a new *Curious Kids!* initiative which will be featured at Southwest Florida's brand new Children's Museum, *C'mon*. In addition to her children's work, Rosie has written and produced many of the *Green Living* segments for WGCU's signature television show *Connect!*

Rosie founded and produced the critically acclaimed *Rainbow Road Tour*, an Eco-rock production that visited hundreds of schools across Canada and the northern United States from 1997 - 2002. No stranger to television, she has appeared in specials on Canadian CTV, WTN and YTV as well as on the Hawaiian PBS *Kids Science* show.

With 20 years of experience touring schools and developing programs in Canada and the United States, Rosie has developed her own brand of unique environmental educational resources. She shares these with educators through her presentations as a Keynote and Guest Lecture Speaker at educational conferences and also in workshops for community and educational institutions. Building on this body of work, Rosie is now partnering with the *Y des Femmes (Women's Y) de Montreal* to develop an innovative *Wellness* resource package for early childhood educators that synthesizes environmental education, nutrition and physical activity.

She is the co-creator with JC Little of the *Little Earth Charter*, (now available on DVD [www.cinefete.ca](http://www.cinefete.ca)), a series of eight animated shorts promoting social responsibility and environmental stewardship to young children

Rosie's 3 CD's and recently published *We're All Interconnected Activity Guide & CD* are available from her website at [www.interconnected.ca](http://www.interconnected.ca); her *Dolphin* song is featured on UNESCO's *Earth Charter* CD. Through her live music performances, radio broadcasts, CD's and national television specials, Rosie's musical message of hope, empathy and action has captivated millions of children all over the world.



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## Experience, Tours, Shows, Workshops

### Television Specials:

20 Curious Kids Club TV Spots, WGCU, PBS Fort Myers	2006 - 2009
Kids Science - PBS Hawaii - Featured performer 3 Episodes	2002
"Tree House - Rosie in Concert" YTV Half Hour feature	1997
"Eco Variety - From the Yukon to the Yucatan" CTV/YTV	1996
"Celebrate The Earth" - CTV Earth Day Special - Co-host	1995
"Bits and Pieces" CFCF - Performer/producer 13 episodes	1986-1987

### Feature Concert Presentations/Theaters/Festivals

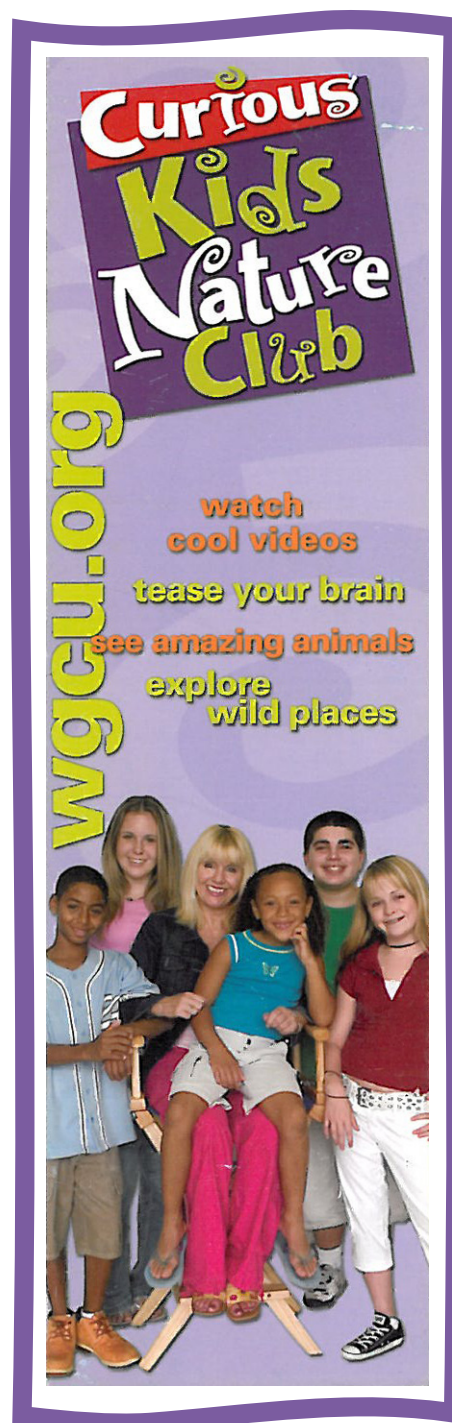
5 Concerts in Florida Schools "Turn it Off! Program	2008
Earth Day Concert, The Conservancy of Southwest Florida	
10 x Collier County After School Programs, FL	2007
Charlotte Harbor Nature Festival, FL	
2 x WGCU Kids Day, Fort Myers, FL	
Cape Coral Children's Festival, Cape Coral, FL	2006
Imaginarium, Fort Myers	
Mote Aquarium, Sarasota	
Edison Children's Festival Block party, Fort Myers	
Organic Festival, Victoria, BC	
Edison Children's Parade, Fort Myers	
Harbor Side Convention Center, Fort Myers, WGCU Curious Kids	
Periwinkle Playhouse, Sanibel - Nov/Jan/Feb - 4 shows	
Calusa Nature Center, Fort Myers - 7 shows	
North Park Community Church, London, Ontario	2002
Plattsburgh Mall, Plattsburgh, NY	
SS Carnival Spirit - Carnival Cruise Lines	
Plattsburgh Mall, Plattsburgh, NY	2000 - 2001
NDG Cultural Center, Montreal Story Tellers Festival	
Kujuwak Auditorium, Kujuwak, Northern Quebec	1990 - 1997
Barnes & Noble/Cedar Rapids, Iowa	
South Bend Public Library, IN	
Town Square, Danville, Vermont - Dowsers Conference	
Shakespeare In the Park/Intro concert	
Palais du Congres, Montreal - Gazette, 50 Plus Conf.	
Mount Royal Park, Montreal - "Teddy Bears Picnic"	

### Rainbow Road Music Show & Tours:

400 Elementary Schools in Canada/US	1997 - 2002
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### Earth Day Shows:

Sierra Club, Fort Myers	2007
Conservancy of Southwest Florida - WGCU Curious Kids Club	2004
Sanibel & Captiva Conservation Society, Sanibel, FL US	2002
Town Square, Kemptville, Ontario	2001
Victoria Hall, Westmount, Quebec	2000
Prairie Theatre Exchange, Winnipeg, Manitoba	1996
Town Square, Hawksbury, Ontario	1995





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## Experience, Productions, Awards, Discography

### Environmental Education Programs - Co Facilitator:

Earth Values Program - 3 day outdoor education programs for children and young adults. Average 5 per year. 1997 - 2000

### Early Childhood Education Conference Presentations

#### - Workshop Facilitator:

Early Childhood Educators of Southwest Florida	2009
LEEF – League of Environmental Educators in Florida	2008 - 2009
Circles of Care Conference – Early Childhood Ed. Southwest Florida	2008
Family Child Care Association of New York State	2002
Child Care Council of the North, Plattsburgh, NY	2001
YMCA, Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada	1998
NACEC, Monarch Butterfly Conference, Mexico	1997
Brockville, Ontario, Canada: Teachers Conference	1997
Regina, Canada: Teachers Conference	1997
Saskatoon, Canada: Teachers Conference	1997
Pointe Claire YMCA, Quebec: Early Childhood Ed.	1996
Concordia University, Quebec: Early Childhood Ed.	1996
P.A.P.T. Convention, Montreal, Quebec	1994 - 1995
Montreal Gazette Newspaper in Education Conference	1990 - 1991
Bishops University, Quebec: Teachers Conference	1990

### New Media Producer:

Curious Kids Nature Club/WGCU – <a href="http://www.wgcu.org">www.wgcu.org</a>	2004 - 2006
The Little Earth Charter – <a href="http://www.littleearthcharter.org">www.littleearthcharter.org</a>	2005 - 2008
Earth to Rosie! - <a href="http://www.littleanimation4kids.com">www.littleanimation4kids.com</a>	2005 - 2008

### Television & Video Production:

Neighbor-to neighbor, Florida-friendly yards: 1/2hr video for CHNEP	2007
Florida Landscape – 10 x 1 minute shorts for WGCU	2008
WGCU's Connect! TV Show – 11 x 7 minute segments for WGCU-TV	2008 - 2009

### Awards:

Recipient of the International "Helen Prize"	2001
Recognized by the Montreal YMCA as a "Woman of Distinction"	1998
Recipient of CFCF Award for Excellence in Programming	1987

### Discography:

Pour La Terre (Earth Charter CD)	2004
The Rainbow Road	2002
Dolphin Teach Us To Play	1996
We're All Interconnected	1995
Songs For Gaia (Published by the Montreal Gazette)	1990

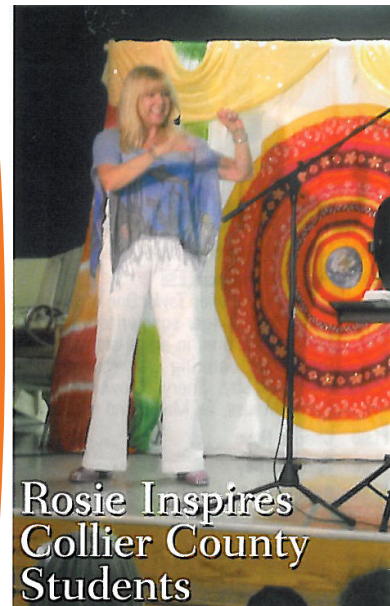
### Other Media:

#### Books -

We're All Interconnected – Activity Guide & CD

#### DVD -

The Little Earth Charter – 8 x 5 minute shorts for children – co-creator and co-producer.




Environmental songstress and WGCU Public Media Children's Program Producer Rosie Emery was busy giving performances and leading workshops in nine Collier County public elementary schools in September and October.

Emery visited the schools' "Sunrise, Sunset" after-school program on two occasions. First, she performed her self-penned songs that focus on Florida wildlife and habitats to emphasize how all of life on earth is interconnected. Emery performed with guitarist Jeff Key, who is pursuing a master's degree in environmental science at Florida Gulf Coast University.

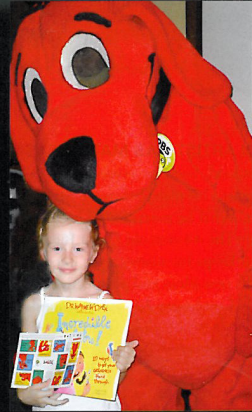
She returned to each school to lead an interactive workshop featuring an animated "footprint game" that explains energy consumption. Workshop discussion revolved around "how kids can reduce their ecological footprint with a particular emphasis on energy conservation by turning it off," says Emery.

The program was made possible by a \$10,000 gift from an anonymous Collier County donor.

"It was a great experience. The kids had a really good time and enjoyed the shows," says Emery, who is also WGCU's Curious Kids Nature Club Web site ambassador. "The schools were very grateful for the gift." 

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## Safety and Health Focus at Curious Kids Day

WGCU Studios were abuzz with more than 1,000 excited visitors when PBS's "Miss Lori" stopped in with her Purple Possibility Bag and a host of fun friends, including Clifford the Big Red Dog and Kitty from *Danger Rangers* during Curious Kids Day on May 5. Safety partners included San Carlos Fire Department, Florida Highway Patrol, and V.O.I.C.E. Unit of the Lee County Sheriff's Department. Children were fingerprinted and healthy snacks were provided. Miss Lori read stories and WGCU's children's entertainer Rosie Emery performed environmental songs.



## Here's Rosie!

**ROSIE EMERY IS COORDINATING** WGCU Public Media's educational outreach campaign called *There's Only One River, Only One Sea*, aimed at increasing public awareness (with an emphasis on school-age children) about the interconnections between lakes, rivers, swamps, canals and the Gulf of Mexico that they feed into. The campaign will run concurrently with the PBS broadcast of the new six-part *Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean Adventures* series premiering April 5 and 12.


For the past two years, Rosie has worked with WGCU to develop environment-related web and TV content for WGCU's Curious Kids Club, a multi-media project for local children. Now, she's expanding her outreach efforts by coordinating a song-writing contest and an art contest for *There's Only One River*, which culminates with World Ocean Day Family Festival at Sarasota Mote Aquarium on June 8. She has organized an April 1 plein air painting event for local children with guest artist Lee Ackert at Six Mile Cypress Slough in Lee County as part of the art contest.

A self-taught musician and songwriter who sings and plays guitar, Rosie has toured hundreds of schools in Canada and the United States with her environmental education music shows. Originally from England, where she grew up in the legendary Sherwood Forest, Rosie has called Canada home for the past 25 years. In 1989, inspired by the need to educate children about the importance of nature, she began to write songs that could be both educational and fun.

Rosie's three children's CDs — *We're All Interconnected*, *Dolphins Teach Us to Play* and *The Rainbow Road* — feature songs such as *Mosquito Song*, *The Recycling Boogie* and *The Ants*. She penned and performed the theme song, *Let's Get Curious*, for the Curious Kids Club.

"Understanding that we are all interconnected, that all of life is intertwined, is the message that I seek to impart to children," says Emery. "If we are to continue living on this planet in a sustainable manner, then this awareness must be an integral part of our thinking and decision making."

As part of WGCU's *Get Up. Get Out. Get Active!* campaign, Rosie is producing short TV segments aimed at children to promote eating healthy food and getting active.

"We all eat food, and food is a good example of how we are all interconnected. Our food choices can help to support many aspects of life — buying local produce supports the local economy; buying organic food can help to protect the land and the farm workers from harmful pesticides. Just think about the journey involved to bring food to your plate," she says. "One of the reasons the environment is suffering is because we don't make the connection between our health and the natural world anymore — and that is dangerous for all of us." 



# Rosie Outlook

## Kids' singer Emery is a natural talent

Rosie Emery comes by her nickname honestly.

This energetic, English-born children's entertainer is called Mother Nature because she wears her environmental message on her sleeve and because it pervades all her material — but not to the point that she comes as preachy or didactic to the kids who listen.

"I think kids see me as hopeful, more than anything," says Montreal-based Emery, who will perform Sunday at 1 and 3 p.m. at Prairie Theatre Exchange.

"They learn a lot of fun stuff about

nature through my songs, and about being environmentally conscious."

While the songs on her most recent CD, *Dolphin Teach Us To Play* (which was produced by Winnipeg's Dan Donatue), are happy, breezy ditties concerned with the games animals play, Emery says her message does become serious when she talks to adults.

"We don't have time as a species to say that we can wait until 2030 before we stop toxic emissions. I don't always get into that with kids but we, as adults, have to become conscientious about what it is that we do to the world."

"The kids, I think, are aware of the world and the pollution, and they need some support."

Tickets for Emery's shows go for \$9 apiece or four for \$30.



Talk of The Townships

# Music in the classroom enriches and educates

Parent organization funds performance by environmentalist

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By Sylvia Warden  
COOKSHIRE

Now more than ever parents have a say in their children's education. Their voices are heard not at school board meetings or at parent-teacher interviews but through their pocket books.

Education funding cuts mean schools can no longer rely on government money to finance curriculum. Instead parents now pay for text books, pencil crayons and big ticket items like music programs and swimming lessons.

At Cookshire Elementary School parents paid for a recent performance by environmental singer and educator Rosie Emery. With no money in the school's budget for a music program, teachers decided to approach the Parent Participation Organization for money.

Cookshire Elementary isn't alone. Across the Townships and Canada, school boards grappling with funding cuts have had to find alternate sources to pay for music, physical education and art classes. Once taught along side the three Rs, the arts has taken a back seat in the new knowledge economy.

"We couldn't have done this with the

help of the PPO," said Leona Hodge, a Grade 3 and 4 teacher.

The PPO also pays for each child to receive 30 minutes of musical instruction once a week, after school.

"Three years ago the school board cut our funding for music so we approached the PPO," said Hodge, who also said music, like English, is an important part of a child's education.

Over lunch in the staff room, a handful of teachers discussed how music can enrich a child's life and help them learn.

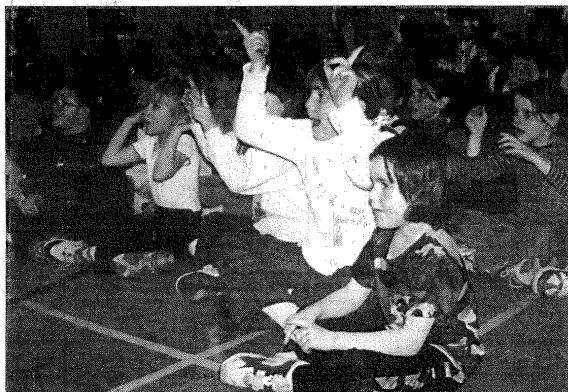
Teacher Alana Russell said not all students learn from a book. "It (a performance like Emery's) also brings in children who don't learn visually or auditorially. It gives them a chance."

Shows like Emery's help foster an appreciation for the arts, said Grade 5 and 6 teacher Sandra Henderson.

"The show helps bring culture into the classroom." It can also reinforce what's being studied in the classroom. Hodge said Emery's environmental outlook fits in well with units on mammals, plants and nature being studied in the primary grades.

Emery's one-hour concert is part fun, part education. Lyrics describe the environmental problems we face and offer tips on how to make small, but meaningful changes.

Turn it off, a song about conserving energy, tells students when they leave a room turn off the lights.



SYLVIA WARDEN

Eager students were entertained and educated by the singing environmentalist's performance.



COURTESY ROSIE EMERY

Rosie Emery is spreading the word... what you do in your life is what is making a difference.

"Those three little words (turn it off) mean a lot to the earth," Emery sings.

A song like The Rainbow Road Song, named after Emery's Rainbow Road Tour, tells students we're all interconnected. What we put in the soil and lakes affects what we eat and can make us sick or keep us healthy.

Interdependence is a constant theme of Emery's show. The Montreal-based performer says its one of the most important lessons anyone can learn.

"What you do in your life is what is making a difference," she told the group of Grade 1 to 6 students.

Emery took that advice to heart and started the Rainbow Road Tour two years ago. In 1997, Emery took the tour across Canada to schools at no charge. Now the tour is part of the Earthvalues Institute, a nonprofit environmental organization dedicated to educating the world's citizens about the plight of our planet.

In between songs, Emery tells the students folk tales about the extinction of animal and plant species and the growth of pesticide use.

"If I'm helping to make Cookshire a better place, I'm helping to make the world a better place," she says.

After the concert, Emery held two eco-sessions, where she and the students worked together to develop recycling plans. Grade 1 and 2 students learned it takes one tree to produce a three-foot pile of newspapers so recycling newspapers will help prevent trees from being cut down.

Children are the future, Emery said, that's why she sings for them.

"People always say what can I do? I say I can do a lot."

## Celebrate Earth Day

WGCU's children's entertainer Rosie Emery will perform her fun children's music about nature at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's Earth Day 2008 celebration on Saturday, April 19. In addition to live entertainment, the event, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., will feature a farmer's market, guest speakers, face painting, special exhibits and native plant sales. On Sunday, April 20, noon to 3 p.m., the conservancy will offer educational presentations "designed to remind us that every day is Earth Day." Admission is free, both days.



Emery's performance is funded by a grant from the PBS series NATURE. The conservancy is located at 1450 Merrihue Drive in Naples. Call (239) 262-0304.

## Earth to Rosie!



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## WGCU Curious Kids Day

Saturday, May 5  
10 am to 2 pm

- Clifford & Zula Patrol characters
- Danger Rangers giveaways
- Door prizes & Great booths!
- Children's fingerprinting
- Fun for kids of all ages!

Live performances by PBS' KIDS host Miss Lori and an interactive concert with children's entertainer Rosie Emery!



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at the WGCU Studios on the FGCU campus