

# MIKE BRYDEN

## SING SONG SAYINGS



*Sing Song Sayings* is a beautifully-crafted concept album for children that sets commonly used expressions to music in a delightful new way. This unique collection of tunes will captivate young listeners and parents alike. Through creative storytelling and catchy melodies, each song sheds a playful light on the lessons hidden within. Intelligent, witty and bilingual, Mike's debut album has found the perfect balance between entertainment and discovery.

### There's Just Something About Sayings

Sayings have survived over time because they tickle our imagination and continue to provide insightful and relevant lessons. Phrases like "don't count your chickens until they're hatched" or "a fish out of water" are common to us all and are often casually slipped into our daily conversations. In today's fast-paced and techno-centric world, language subtleties and the use of wordplay is diminishing constantly. For that reason, there is a good chance this album may be the first introduction to traditional expressions for young listeners. *Sing Song Sayings* will get feet tapping while breathing new life into some age-old sayings that carry meaningful ideas.

### About the Album

*Sing Song Sayings* was recorded at Vancouver's Heavysonic Studios, with the help of talented engineer and musician Marc L'Espérance (Linda Mcrae, The Hanson Brothers, Po' Girl, Ray Condo). All songs are written and performed by Mike Bryden (vocals, guitar, ukelele, harmonica) with banjo support by Patrick Bartel (Lonesome Town Painters), accordion and organ player Simon Kendall (Doug and the Slugs) and Marc L'Espérance on vocals, percussion and keys. Children's vocals on the album are thanks to Vancouver's Zing Choir and The Musical Minds Choir.

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### Tracks:

1. Don't Count Your Chickens
2. Doggy Day
3. When the Cat's Away
4. The Best Medicine
5. The Goose and the Gander
6. Birds of a Feather
7. Petit Criquet
8. A Rolling Stone
9. Fish out of Water
10. Needle in a Haystack



"Huge congratulations Mike, it's an excellent collection of songs. I love the theme of "expressions", what a great idea!" - Jill Barber, singer/songwriter

"Doggy Day" and "Birds of a Feather" are my faves. Get this music out there!" - Will Stroet, children's entertainer



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*"Throughout my life, music and art have been my trusty sidekicks, and to my delight I found a way to have them both on stage."*

– Mike Bryden

### A One-Man Renaissance Show

Mike's multi-disciplinary and multi-lingual performance provides so many ways for young audiences to connect. As a solo entertainer he captivates young imaginations with playful story-based songs, accompanied on his guitar, ukulele and harmonica. His audience marvels at his illustrations as they unfold before their very eyes on his giant sketchbook and his "old-school" transparency projector. Dynamic, interactive, memorable and layered in meaning, children leave wanting more, while parents and educators applaud the lessons that are sneakily hidden within.

### About Mike

Born in Montreal and raised as a Franco-Ontarian in Ottawa, Mike was educated in Fine Arts, Communications and Graphic Design. From childhood he studied classical guitar and cut his stage teeth early, performing with cherished children's singer Suzanne Pinel (aka Marie Soleil) as her puppeteer. He achieved success as a creative director and founded an advertising firm in Gastown. Today, as a children's entertainer he carries forward his passion for a strong metaphor and has found his calling in "kid-splaining" proverbs through storytelling and live drawing. Mike has called Vancouver his home since 1995 and is extremely thankful for his East Van community, its schools and childcare facilities that helped launch his career and continue to support him.

### Booking Information:

Mike performs for groups of all sizes in English, French or a bit of both, from small daycare environments to gymnasiums.

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*"For me it was Raffi and Mr Dressup records. For my son, it's all about the long awaited debut kids album Sing Song Sayings". It's already a road trip staple!"*

– Grant Lawrence, CBC Radio personality, writer

