



# ANIMAL WISDOM

*in Stories & Music*



## The Program

This interactive family concert is a delightful introduction to classical music for children 10 and under, combining captivating music, animated storytelling, movement, fun conversation and valuable lessons! The show features five Aesop's Fables and three other enchanting, animal-themed musical selections, as well as fun kids' craft projects.

## The Music

**The Butterfly**, op.52 #1 (Joachim Andersen)

**The Dancing Bear**, from Animal Kingdom, op. 57a (Theodore Blumer)

**Five Aesop's Fables for Flute, Piano and Narrator** (Anthony Plog)

The Tortoise & the Hare  
The Mouse & the Lion  
The Wind & the Sun  
The Dove & the Ant  
The Mule

**Birds Migrating South**, from Animal Kingdom, op. 57a (Theodore Blumer)

Listen at <http://www.veredreznik.com/live/> - the first track under Children.



## Arts & Crafts

The artists are available to coordinate Arts & Crafts with the children and their parents and caregivers before the show.



## Meet MUSICAL WISDOM!

Ms. Berman, Reznik and Soucy are available for interviews and performances. Contact Vered Reznik, [vered@veredreznik.com](mailto:vered@veredreznik.com), 914-630-1025.



### Storyteller Rachel Berman (Left)

Storyteller Rachel Rashba Berman has been delighting children and their parents for nearly two decades as a teacher of Musical Munchkins, an early childhood music and movement program. She is well known for her warmth, energy and ability to connect with children and the grown-ups who accompany them to class each week. A trained mezzo-soprano, Rachel is a veteran of the stage and has performed in a diverse array of concerts, theater productions and recitals. Educated at Oberlin College and Manhattan School of Music where she earned a Masters Degree in Voice, Rachel has appeared as a soloist with the Connecticut Chamber Orchestra and the Norfolk Chamber Music Ensemble. She has performed at the Bach Aria Festival at Stoney Brook, at Yale in Norfolk and at the Berkshire Music Festival at Tanglewood. Rachel co-founded the trio MOSAIC, an ensemble specializing in Jewish secular music and performed widely in the tri-state area.

### Pianist Vered Reznik (Center)

Vered Reznik has performed in solo and chamber music recitals throughout Europe, Israel and the United States. Her numerous awards have included the first prize at the 1994 Jeunesses Musicale international competition. Her performances have included Vienna's Konzerthaus and the Bayreuth Festival, and she has been broadcast on WQXR, CSPAN, and Israeli and Austrian national radio. Ms. Reznik has received scholarships from the American-Israel Cultural Foundation and the Alban Berg foundation. She is a graduate of the New England Conservatory, Boston (M.M.), the Rubin Academy of Music in Jerusalem (B.M.), and chamber music studies at the Music Hochschule in Vienna. She currently teaches at the Hoff-Barthelson Music School in Scarsdale, NY.

### Flutist Dominique Soucy (Right)

Flutist Dominique Soucy enjoys a growing reputation in New York as both soloist and chamber musician. She has appeared as guest soloist with several orchestras, most notably l'Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal and the Calgary Philharmonic. A winner of Artist International, the Montreal Symphony Competition, the Canadian Music Competition, the Yellow Spring Chamber Competition and the Aevis Young Artist Recording Competition, Ms. Soucy has collaborated with such artists as John Cage, Elliott Carter, John Harbison and Bruce Saylor while he was Composer in Residence at The Chicago Lyric Opera. As a chamber musician, Ms. Soucy has performed in most major concert halls in New York City, Montreal and Washington with The London Ballet, the New York Chamber Orchestra, the Toronto Ballet, Les Grands Ballets Canadiens, the New York Bach Soloists and the New Music Consort. She teaches flute at Rye Country Day School in Rye, NY, and the Crestwood Music Education Center in Eastchester, NY.