

BIO

About Carole: Carole Stephens (formerly Peterson) grew up in a house with a pre-school attached! She graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Science from the Communications Department in musical theater, acting in shows in Chicago and New York City (even a stint on All My Children!) before going afloat as a cruise director in the Caribbean. Back on land again, she hosted the nightly TV show “PM MAGAZINE” before settling down to “mommy.” She created music classes to meet the needs of her 2 children, who are now twenty-somethings. As **MACARONI SOUP!**, she has been providing musical entertainment and education for children 1 – 10 years old since 1989. **Carole’s CDs** have won the Parents’ Choice, NAPPA, I-Parenting Media, Creative Children, Mom’s Choice and Children’s Music Web Awards.

Carole presents **concerts** and **workshops** all over the United States. In 2009 she was a presenter at the European Conference of International Schools in Belgium! Carole’s topics include **Active Music for Toddlers, Pre-Schoolers and Kindergarteners, the connection between active music and early literacy**, and **developmentally appropriate music** for children and teachers of ALL abilities.

Beloved by her students as “Miss Carole”, she teaches Parent/Child, Toddler, Pre-school and Theater (6 – 12 year olds) classes in the Chicago area. She also does Artist-in-Residence programs for Pre-K/K programs.

Carole considers it a privilege to work with young children and those that care for them!