



## Music Circle ã

A Music & Movement Program  
specially designed for Nurseries

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**Introduction** Music is an important and vital aspect in the lives of children. They enjoy and respond naturally to any form of musical activities. Movement is young children's natural mode of learning. Research has shown that when music is combined with movement, the benefits are incalculable both intellectually and psychologically. Everyone who works with children should know and also have the skills to lead children in simple musical activities correctly.

Most nurseries do not have a proper music curriculum to follow. The music classes usually consist of singing songs, nursery rhymes, finger play and action songs; or a 'music teacher' sitting at the piano accompanying the children in their singing or the teacher playing a recording for the children to sing along. Generally the songs

selected are picked at random without any thought of whether the songs selected are appropriate for the children. Music activities are conducted without proper methods. There is no overall plan and no sequential follow-up. It is commonplace that a lot of preschool and kindergarten teachers lack basic musical skills. They cannot sing in tune and clap the beat correctly. There is a need for a proper music program that teachers, **without music background**, can use.



The **Music Circle © program** has been specially developed and designed by **Dr. Lorna Heyge and Jenny Ong** to meet this need. It consists of simple, but appropriate musical activities with the **steps in presentation fully described**. The materials are organized in an educationally sound format that include a series of lesson plans that the teacher can follow sequentially. **Music Circle** is designed for **children from age 2 to 3 years**. It can be **integrated** into the nursery and be regarded as **part of the school curriculum**. Teachers, **without background in music**, with proper training and guidance will learn how to conduct those simple musical activities and also learn to use them to enhance the learning of other subject areas, such as Arithmetic, Science and Language. **Music Circle classes are conducted a once-a week and the duration of each class is 30 minutes.**

To use this program, the teachers will need to attend a **2-Day Workshop** to get hands-on training.

### How to integrate Music Circle I in your Centre?

a) **Send your teachers to attend our 2 Full-day Workshops. Your teachers will receive hands-on training to improve their musical skills and guidance to conduct the activities. They will also get to experience Practice Teaching.** All participants will be given the complete kit comprising Teacher's Guide, Lesson Planning Activity Cards, Song CD (contains universal English, Traditional Malay & Chinese children songs) and Teacher's Recording. **Certificates of Attendance** are issued to the participants.

b) **Alternatively, you can hire Music Circle teachers trained by us to teach on a part-time basis in your school. Music Circle was launched in 1997 and since then we have trained more than 2,500 teachers throughout the country.**

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