

Hailing from Callahan, Florida, "Mrs. Kate" Carpenter has devoted her life to motivating children with her puppets, folk songs and stories. Accompanying herself on guitar, she performs over 150 high-energy shows yearly, delighting and inspiring folks of all ages. A seasoned veteran of the performing circuit, she has brought her "Motivate with Mrs. Kate" show to over 500 schools and libraries worldwide, and the trail of smiling faces keeps growing!

"Mrs. Kate" has recorded 12 CD's and 2 children's music videos of her original tunes. She has been featured on countless television and radio shows, including Radio Disney. Her unique artistry earned her placement on the Florida State Touring Roster of the Florida Department of Cultural Affairs. VSA Arts of Florida has commissioned Mrs. Kate as an Artist-in-Residence to special needs audiences.

"My mission is to reach millions of children with my positive, character-building message. It is my passion to inspire them to achieve their full potential as kind, hard-working citizens who care about the environment. I seek to instill in every child their worth as a human being through the love communicated in my songs."





# Preschool Shows HUG-A-BUG-A-BOO WITH MRS. KATE

Riveting storytelling, unusual instruments, puppetry, and lots of fun actions make *Mrs. Kate's* preschool show a big hit with the younger set. Watch your little ones flap their wings as they sing and learn about hummingbirds and anhingas. Your preschoolers will make Raccoon Eyes with Reggie, the *Coon in the Can* Puppet, as they learn not to litter. *Habit the Rabbit* (in a hat!) will school them in good manners. Important character qualities of cheerfulness and kindness are taught and reinforced as she sings *Give Me A Smile* and *I Will Be Kind* with your youngsters.

*Mrs. Kate's* concerts are a whole body experience! Sometimes it's hard to figure out who's having more fun, the teachers or the children!

### **Letters of Recommendation...**

"I was impressed by the variety of topics covered by your material, especially those pertaining to the animals native to our great state of Florida. Protecting the habitats and animals of Florida is so important and, as you obviously know, it has to start with our children."

Erin Walker, Primrose School.

"An energetic entertainer who has a wonderful way of engaging the students and capturing their attention with her animated personality and props."

Rebecca Zebouni, Precious Promises Preschool, lacksonville, FL

"Your concert was the best ever! Even our more hard to please parents and teachers can't wait until you return. The kids were bubbling over in excitement. We love how you involve so many people in the songs as you perform them with such enthusiasm."

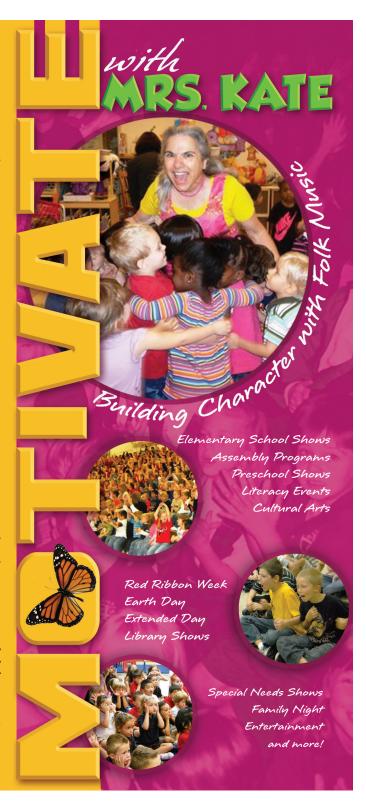
> Theresa Levy & Diane Campbell, Gan Yeladim Preschool, Iacksonville, FL

St. Johns Forest

"We now listen to your character building CD on the way to school each day. My youngest loves the Hug & Smile songs." Andrea, Parent, Crystal River

"Intelligent music that is fun!"

Cathy Camp, Parent, Ft. Myers





# **Program Options**

#### Motivate with "Mrs. Kate" - The Character Education Choice

Students are inspired to treat others with kindness and respect. Cheerful attitudes, good manners, truthfulness, determination, teamwork, orderliness and self-control are emphasized. Graduation from high school and a strong work ethic are encouraged.

### Florida Family Folksongs

A musical journey through the Sunshine State, with interactive songs about Florida birds, weather, swamp critters, ecology and more! A strong message about saying no to littering and yes to recycling advocates environmental stewardship.

## Stamp Out Bullying

Positive, true stories come to life as Mrs. Kate teaches students the value of considerate and friendly behavior.

Proper line conduct, courtesy, and cooperative teamwork are instilled as the children interact with Mrs. Kate and her puppets. Everyone is rockin' to Hug-a-Bug-a-Boo at the conclusion of this one-hour show.

#### Crack-a-Book - Perfect For Literacy Events

Mrs. Kate motivates students to turn off the TV and read good books. Students will understand how reading builds vocabulary and brain power, while improving writing and thinking skills. Inspires a love for research and reading as a family and individual activity.

#### Mind Your Manners

<u>Habit the Rabbit Puppet</u> teams up with Mrs. Kate to teach youngsters proper manners in this hour-long, interactive show. Politeness at mealtimes, cell phone etiquette, and communication courtesy are taught in this humorous and memorable presentation.

#### I Like Bein' Clean - Ideal For Red Ribbon Week

Mrs. Kate motivates students to say no to drugs and yes to healthy lifestyle choices. Students learn difference between prescription and illegal drugs. Listening to the voice of your conscience and choosing friends wisely are emphasized. Hugs are better than drugs!

## Bi-Lingual & Multi-Cultural Shows

Mrs. Kate holds a B.A. in Spanish from Michigan State University and has traveled extensively. She will be happy to integrate Spanish language into any show at your request. Multi-cultural stories are a part of her fascinating repertoire.

## Best of "Mrs. Kate"

Combo show with selected highlights from Mrs. Kate's original repertoire, including Florida Rain, Hug-a-Bug-a-Boo, Coon in the Can and I Will Be Kind. Everyone's favorite songs in one high-energy, educational, fun-filled hour.

## Workshops & In-service

Enhancing Student Interest Through Interaction (for teachers)
Let's Write a Song! (for classes)



"The students were actively involved in the show and they loved her excitement. Parents told me their kids came home sharing the songs and movements. I would recommend this show to any school that wants to deliver positive messages to students through music."

Corrie Inman, Teacher of the Gifted, Atlantic Beach Elementary Atlantic Beach, FL

"Powerful messages, entertaining and educational! Want to promote positive character traits? You need "Mrs. Kate!"

Kim Harrison, Principal, Susie Tolbert Elementary, Jacksonville, FL

"Creative, deeply conscientious, and professional"

A Young Children's Montessori Academy,

Cape Coral, FL

"She really draws the audience in with her music, stories and message. I heard classes singing the songs in the lunchroom." Mary Kathryn Waldrop, Kingsway Elementary, Pt. Charlotte, FL

"Mrs. Kate's interactive show supported the positive traits that are emphasized in our school's character education program. Her passion for inspiring children to choose to do the right thing was clearly communicated through her dynamic interaction with our boys and girls."

DeEtta Smallwood, Guidance Counselor, Port St. Joe Elementary School

"Her energy, humor and musical poetry kept everyone's attention riveted to the stage. Her songs, stories and interactive program were in perfect harmony with our mission and vision."

Jane Martin, Ph.D, Odyssey Charter School, Palm Bay, FL