



**Hot Peas 'N Butter Dishes Up a Poppy Dance-able New Sound**  
**PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER**

Album includes the single "Amistad" with Dan Zanes; available on September 25, 2015

New York, August 11, 2015—Hot Peas 'N Butter, a NYC based multicultural family music band, is known for their Latin-influenced, catchy songs for kids. They've been featured on Nick Jr. and Jack's Big Music Show TV, partnered with St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, won multiple Parents' Choice Awards, and brought many thousands of fans to their feet on their national tours. This fall, Hot Peas 'N Butter reinvents itself with fresh talent and a multilayered sound as they release their 7<sup>th</sup> studio album, *Put Our Heads Together*. The album (September 25) features indie rock superstar Dan Zanes on the bilingual single "Amistad." More information is available at [www.hotpeasnbutter.com](http://www.hotpeasnbutter.com).

With rhythms ranging from hip-hop to world-pop, reggaeton and dance hall, *Put Our Heads Together* offers a new sound for kids and their parents to share together. The album evolved over two years, beginning with singles "Here at Last," "Graduation Day" and "Fresh Spokes." As band leader Danny Lapidus recalls, "Each song we wrote led us toward a theme, which became the enduring nature of friendship and how we all need to look out for one another." The "king of kids' music" Dan Zanes joins the band for the single and forthcoming music video "Amistad," which includes some of the best musicians in NYC including Clifford Carter (Paul Simon and James Taylor's band) and the legendary Lew Soloff (Machito, Miles Davis, Blood Sweat and Tears and on and on!) as well as a host of lifelong friends who appear on the video. A chorus of vibrant kids' voices grace a new arrangement of "Hot Peas 'n Butter!" the group's "theme" song on the album.

Indeed, Lapidus' longtime creative and personal collaborations with Latin jazz bassist Francisco Cotto have expanded lately to include two new touring band mates: Lisette Santiago (Latin percussion and vocals) and Ian Jesse (vocals, upright bass). Both are accomplished musicians in their own right, and have forged strong ties to Danny and Francisco on tour dates around the country this year. In another case of putting heads together, Lapidus and renowned drummer Rich Mercurio (Broadway's "Finding Neverland", Idina Menzel and Sarah Bareilles) also run POD Noise, a NYC recording studio. Mercurio performs on the encouraging retro-pop styled "No Bullies" and other tracks.

*Put Our Heads Together* features two new renditions of the song Hot Peas 'N Butter wrote for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's Trike-A-Thon a few years ago. "Different Spokes for Different Folks" becomes "Fresh Spokes" on the new album, as well as in both acoustic and dance re-mix versions. The album includes a dance-happy note with the animated pop title track and the bilingual "Seasons" (bachata/reggaeton). Both include kids' voices inviting us to "put our heads together" for active and friendly good times.

Hot Peas 'N Butter will debut songs from the new album at their shows at the Bronx Zoo on August 28 and 29, plus other concerts this fall. Visit [www.hotpeasnbutter.com](http://www.hotpeasnbutter.com) and the band's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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# Put Our Heads Together

## Track Listing

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| 1. Amistad (Ft. Dan Zanes)   | 3:48 |
| 2. Magic Elevator  | 1:52 |
| 3. Seasons (Kids Chorus)   | 4:15 |
| 4. No Bullies  | 3:25 |
| 5. Put Our Heads Together (Kids Chorus)                                | 2:00 |
| 6. Hot Peas 'N Butter! Redux<br>(featuring Lew Soloff and Kids Chorus) | 3:46 |
| 7. Fresh Spokes (acoustic)   | 2:40 |
| 8. Here at Last! (Kids Chorus)   | 2:57 |
| 9. Graduation Day (featuring Tabitha Fair)                             | 3:19 |
| 10. Fresh Spokes (Dance Re-Mix)  | 2:45 |

STREAM Put Our Heads Together HERE:

<http://www.hotpeasnbutter.com/put-our-heads-together.html>

Hot Peas 'N Butter YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/hotpeasnbutterMUSIC/videos>