

**HOT PEAS**

**'N BUTTER**



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### **Music for Every Nation & Generation**

[Hot Peas 'n Butter](#) is an award-winning, multicultural family music band that wows thousands of young audiences across the nation every year with their highly energetic and interactive musical style. With eight award-winning albums and numerous music videos (some of which have been featured on Nick Jr. and Nickelodeon TV), Hot Peas 'n Butter makes new friends everywhere they go.



Named for the playground game they played as kids, Hot Peas 'n Butter incorporates many languages into their performances - English, Spanish, French, Korean and Hebrew just to name a few.

Lauded for their **“hot and mellow multicultural groove”** by the *Los Angeles Times*, Hot Peas 'n Butter mixes a tasty combination of traditional Latin music, Afro-Caribbean rhythms, jazz,

bluegrass, country, and rock, bringing fans of all ages to their feet. Indeed, “This serving is the kind that will please musical appetites” (*New York Times*); and “Their music is a rainbow of color and sound” (*NY 1 TV*).

Songs like “Number 1” and their signature Latin beat tracks “Somos Familia,” “Amistad,” “Que Lleva,” and “Round the World” enjoy radio play nationwide.

Adding to the success of their **Parents’ Choice Award**-winning catalog of albums, the band’s latest release, **“Back to the Land”**, features special guests, **Laurie Berkner**, **Dan Zanes**, and **Peter Yarrow (Peter, Paul and Mary)**, plus so many amazing people (including kids!) who participated in the making of this album. This *rootsy* new album celebrates our connections to one another as a society, as well as our connection to our planet and its health.

The band continues to grow their relationships with **St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital**, by creating bicycle safety songs and videos (including the hit “Different Spokes for Different Folks”) for the St. Jude Trike-a-thon.

*“Hot Peas ‘n Butter’s hot show in Laredo, Texas had over 12,000 kids on their feet dancing and singing. The show’s success is still being talked about today at the schools!”* -- Mary Capello, C.E.O, TMC / Laredo Entertainment Center

## 'Round the World

With the song 'Round the World, Hot Peas 'n Butter **travels** around the world by singing about beautiful countries all over the globe. Do you ever dream of exploring the world? Danny wrote Round the World with his friend Francisco right in his hometown of Brooklyn, NY but he was dreaming of traveling to beautiful exotic places.

Lots of these places so they dream of land, water and air to

Traveling by land, water and air is called transportation.

**Transportation** is when people and things are moved from place to place.



are far away traveling by get there.

## Land

Right here in the United States we get to where we are going by walking, riding bicycles, cars, trains and busses.



Land **vehicles** are a great way to bring people and things over land, but they aren't so good at traveling across water. For that, we use other types of vehicles.

## Air

To get over big bodies of water, we need to look up to the sky. What vehicle do you think travels by air? Did you say airplane? Us too!

Did you know that airplanes can carry people when they travel far away to visit places or family carry things that we toys or clothes or but they can also want or need like food.

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## Water

Another great way to travel is across water is by boat or ship! Cargo ships are great big boats that are used to carry heavy loads from one continent to another. There are all different types of boats like sailboats, motorboats, or canoes. Some are special boats like ferries.

Ferries can also be used by people to travel shorter distances across water. Sometimes you can even drive a car right on to them! Fun! What type of boat have you been on?



**Listen to all the countries that Hot Peas n' Butter sing about in 'Round the World. What types of vehicles would you use to travel to all those countries?**

**Q: How will you get to the show?**

## Fresh Spokes

“There are many different bicycles for many different folks, all different colors, wheels and spokes!”

Did you know that the first type of bicycle was invented over 200 years ago! It had a seat and two wheels but no pedals. People would use their feet to run along the ground while sitting on the seat. It became known as the ‘running machine’. After that many different inventions were tried.

No matter what type you like, it is important to make sure that you ride safely. Hot Peas n’ Butter want to make sure that you remember these tips to have a safe and fun time when riding your bicycle.

Top tips to make sure that you ride safely!

1. Use your head! Make sure that you wear a **helmet** every time you are out for a ride.
2. Look out below! Check to make sure that your tires are **inflated** and that your breaks work properly.
3. See and be seen! When riding, always wear bright colors so others can see you riding in style. Always ride in the daytime when there is plenty of daylight.
4. Follow the rules! Ride with a grown up or friends. Make sure to keep people and pets safe by riding carefully and stop at the corners to look for cars. A bell is a fun way to let others know that you are coming.



**Listen to the song Fresh Spokes to learn about ways to be safe while having fun riding.**

## Q: What do you do to make sure that you stay safe while riding?

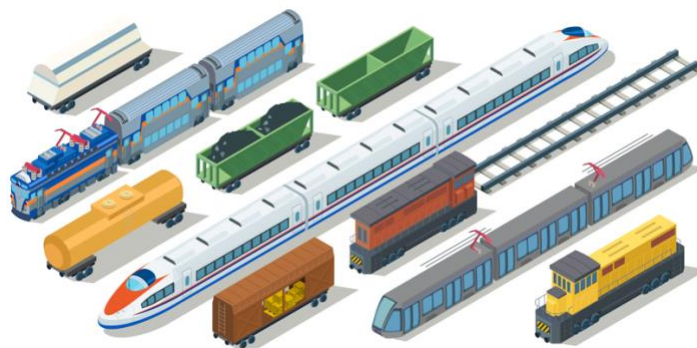
### Jack-a-Lacka



Danny grew up riding a special type of train called a subway. These trains travel in special tunnels underground. But did you know that there are 17 types of trains? Yep, that's right, 17! Some trains carry things, like a freight train or a cargo train and some carry people like a subway or a passenger train to bring people and things from one place to another.

**Trains** have a set of [carriages](#) that hold people or things called **cargo**. When they get to where they are going, they stop to move people or things on and off. This is called a [train station](#). The driver of a train is called an **engineer**. The **engineer** makes sure the train works right, and speeds it up or slows it down. Every train needs a driver to make it run well. Trains also have a [conductor](#) that helps the engineer make sure that the train goes the right way.

All trains are made up of cars that link together and ride on tracks. A **railway** or **train tracks** are a set of two [parallel](#) rows of long pieces of [steel](#), a very strong type of metal. These tracks stay the same distance apart and stretch on for many miles, but they never, ever touch! Railway tracks are made up 4 parts, rails, sleepers, fasteners and ballast. The rails are what a train's wheels ride on. **Sleepers**, which are **perpendicular**, or cross the rails and keep the rails from moving. **Fasteners**, hold rails to the sleepers; and all of this sits on a special pile of stones called the **ballast**. The **ballast** lets rain or melted snow sink into the ground instead of getting on the tracks.



Putting down train tracks is hard work! Many times people putting down train tracks sang songs to help the work go by more quickly. Listen to the song **Jack-a-Lacka** and think about the hard work of laying down those train tracks nice and straight!

**Look out for all of the different types of trains where you live!**

# Instruments in the Show

## Acoustic Guitar

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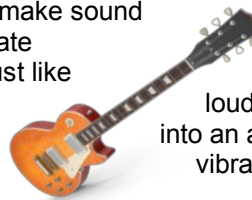


make sound when the strings vibrate. The the

bottom that holds body of the guitar) . It makes board (front flat piece of the guitar) vibrate and this gets

## Electric Guitar

Electric guitars make sound play the strings and create These vibrations move to the sound board, just like acoustic guitar, but instead of becoming the sound hole, the guitar is plugged electronic speaker) to make the string's



when musicians vibrations. an louder through into an amplifier (a small vibrations louder.

## Saxophone

A saxophone is a long metal tube with holes. It has a mouthpiece at one end and a bell shape at the other end. The mouthpiece has a thin piece of wood called a reed. When



## Drum Kit

the musician blows into the mouthpiece, the reed vibrates, and the vibrations travel down the metal tube. Notes are made when the musician presses springs to open and close the holes. This makes different sounds called notes.

Drums are percussion instruments that are hit to make sound. The vibrations travel across the drumhead (sometime called a skin) and are amplified (made louder) through a hole in the bottom or back.



Before the show

## Listen to Round the world

### [Round the World Music Video](#)



Come along with Hot Peas 'n Butter to various countries on every continent!

Travel: Discuss: how do people get around where you live? What is special about the transportation in your city?

## Listen to Fresh Spokes

### [Fresh Spokes Music Video](#)



Learn all about bicycle safety while listening to this fun song!

Safety: No matter how we travel, we need to stay safe. Discuss how we stay safe when riding in a car, train, airplane or bicycle.

## Listen to Jack-a-Lacka

### [Jack-a-Lacka Audio Song](#)





Sing a-long to this work song as we make sure to lay down train tracks perfectly straight.

Discuss: What types of trains do you see where you live? Do people ride on trains to go to school and work? Do you see trains carrying cargo?

## during the show

How to be a great audience member!

Have you ever attended a live performance? Being an audience member at a music concert is different than that of being in the audience of a movie or even a or play. Sometimes you can sing along and sometimes you can move (carefully) to the music. But you can always have fun!

Here are some ways that you can prepare to be an excellent audience member at the Hot Peas n' Butter concert.

Here are some ideas to get started.

**Start with a discussion:** What is an audience member? What type of events have you been to? How is being in the audience of a concert different than a movie? Talk about some things that audiences at live events can do that are the same and some ways that are different.

**Paying attention and listening:** Being a great audience member starts with knowing what the musicians are doing on stage. Hot Peas n' Butter love to make the audience a part of the show so when you pay attention and listen to the musicians, you are ready to sing and dance with Hot Peas n' Butter!

After the Show

Discuss...



What instruments did you notice the band using during the performance? Which were your favorites? Why?

Did you hear about all the ways to travel and stay safe? Do you use any of these? What's your favorite way to travel?



**Q: How did you get to the show?**

**Q: What do you do to make sure that you stay safe while traveling?**

**Q: How many different types of air, land and water vehicles can you see where you live?**

## **Extension:**

**How things go...**

**Dig deeper into the mechanics of propulsion.**

**Be clean...**

**Discuss the impact of vehicles on the environment. Talk about types that are better for the earth.**

**Cultural connection...**

**Give examples of how vehicles are used all over the world. How are some uses the same? How are some uses different?**

**Get into The Groove**

**Put on your favorite Hot Peas n' Butter song and jam with the band!**

**Be a Maker...**

**Make a guitar and listen to the strings vibrate <https://www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-and-experiments/create-a-cardboard-guitar>**



Feel the beat by making a Coffee can drum

<https://www.artistshelpingchildren.org/kidscraftsactivitiesblog/2012/01/how-to-make-a-coffee-can-drum/>



Resources:

[Hot Peas 'n Butter Website](#)

[Music Videos](#)

Info on our performances:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7U6CUleW3J0>

Booking Agent Roster Page:

<https://bsoinc.com/roster/hot-peas-n-butter/>

Latest Album trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmRCY1m0eM8>

[Song Factory Videos](#)