

Vicki McCrone



For 15 years, Vicki McCrone was a musical artist in a corporate software sales executive's body. She's a native of Cleveland's east side who was living in San Francisco, playing music on the side for grown-ups, until a move back home to Cleveland to be closer to family also brought her closer to making music her full-time gig.

While working with Cleveland's Positive Education Program doing pet therapy for autistic children with her yellow lab, she wrote a song for her students called "My Little Dog." They loved it, so she wrote more songs, and eventually began traveling around to schools with a participatory program she calls "Little Songs" that gets kids singing and playing along. Her music is now available in two CD/DVD sets for families and teachers titled "Little Songs: Animals" and "Little Songs: Earth."

Moms and dads who enjoy indie female vocalists will love McCrone's contemporary style; she's been compared to Shawn Colvin and Paula Cole, but she says she models her music after Carole King. It's the type of music you'll listen to in the car without a hint of embarrassment even when your kids aren't around.

Most of McCrone's performances are in schools and after-school settings through organizations like Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio, the Ohio Arts Council and Neighborhood Players, a non-profit McCrone co-founded that works with urban youth to record and perform rap music with positive messages.

McCrone's music is available at Holcomb's, or for digital download at iTunes or <http://www.cdbaby.com>. Her busy schedule in the schools prevents her from playing out much these days, she says, but interested parties can reach her at stella444@mac.com.