



# SOL y canto

Presents Bilingual Family Program

## **El Doble de Amigos: Twice As Many Friends**

**WINNER: Parent's Choice Honors, NAPPA, & Early Childhood News Awards**

Sol yCanto's bilingual and interactive musical fiesta features toe-tapping plena, son, calypso, reggae and more! Featuring songs from their multiple award-winning children's CD of the same name, *Twice as Many Friends/El doble de amigos* concerts invite incessant singing and dancing with infectious, be-bopping songs, sparkling vocal harmonies, and high energy sound.

Created for grade school children and their parents, the music consists of original songs by musical director/composer Brian Amador and perennial favorites from Latin America and the U.S. Songs concentrate on early development experiences for families interested in their children acquiring Spanish as a second language, as well as for Latino families and bilingual families who wish to promote use of Spanish at home. Educational activity ideas for teachers and parents are available in Sol y Canto's CD booklet and a free bilingual educational guide is available at [www.solycanto.com](http://www.solycanto.com). Their national touring family show can incorporate a local children community choir in each community/city visited. Available in duo to sextet.

### **PRESENTERS INCLUDE:**

Getty Center, Los Angeles, CA

Kravis Center, West Palm Beach, FL

Queens Theater in the Park, Queens, NY

### **WHAT PRESENTERS SAY ABOUT SOL Y CANTO:**

"Sol y Canto provides a fabulous and inviting introduction for young people to the irresistible rhythms and melodies of Latin America. An added bonus is working with Rosi Amador, whose clear and pristine voice sends shivers down the audience's spines. Management provided an enormous amount of marketing support, helping ensure the show's success. Young and old alike cannot resist singing and dancing along. Sol y Canto's family performance is sure to please! This show attracted an audience of 912 to our theater."

*-Chris Brown, Durgin Hall, University of Massachusetts at Lowell*

## THE SONGS:

Songs address topics including numbers, days of the week, parts of the body, self-esteem, the environment, peace, flying kites, celebrating bilingualism, and more.

- EL DOBLE DE AMIGOS/TWICE AS MANY FRIENDS, the title cut, is a lively Tex-Mex-style cumbia that makes a point often lost in the debate over bilingual education: "Twice as many friends, twice as much fun, that's why two languages are better than one!"

- BANANA (calypso)  
An all-time Sol y Canto favorite in a brand-new romping horn arrangement, complete with rap!

- THE TRAIN PARTY (calypso-son)  
Join the *parranda* (party) as our house springs to life every time the train goes by!

- LET'S FLY KITES (reggae)  
How many ways can you say "kite" in Spanish?

- CASA PLANETA (Cuban son)  
This world is a house that we all must care for.

- SEVEN DAYS (Afro-Brazilian *ijexá*)  
The catchiest way imaginable to learn the days of the week in both languages!

- LITTLE PAPER BOAT (Puerto Rican *plena*)  
Classic Cuban children's song about friendship and peace popularized on a Cuban TV show that featured singing puppets.

- PEACE WILL COME  
A gorgeous ballad by U.S. folk legend Tom Paxton featuring a children's chorus and the haunting *ocarina* (spherical Central American ceramic flute.)

- CHEQUI MORENA/SHAKE IT MORENA (calypso)  
Beloved, traditional Puerto Rican circle game song in a fresh, fun arrangement.

- UNDER ONE SKY  
A song by Albany-based songwriter Ruth Pelham with Spanish lyrics by Gil Raldiris of Puerto Rico (our first percussionist). We're all a family under one sky. A celebration of diversity of races and species under one sky.

- MY BODY MAKES MUSIC

Game song written by Gil Raldiris featuring the parts of the body .Use your body to make music!

- SHOES (Puerto Rican *plena*)

Put on your zapatos and let's go out to play. This lively plena will get your shoes moving!

- THE ONE AND ONLY

There's no one else like you and no one else fits in the way you do.

- RAINBOW (lullaby)

This is one of the most requested songs in our repertoire since Sol y Canto's inception.

- CAREFUL, IT MIGHT BE HOT! (Dominican *merengue*)

A song commissioned by the National Fire Protection Association to teach fire safety to preschoolers.

- THE NUMBERS

Learn to count from one to ten in English and Spanish. Too much fun!