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**APR 22**  
3:00 pm

# Laurie Berkner

Celebrated children's musician



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## There will be no intermission during this performance.

Recognized as “the queen of kids’ music” by *People* magazine, **Laurie Berkner** is a singer, songwriter, lyricist, author and founder of Two Tomatoes Records, LLC. With an average of more than 22 million monthly streams and millions of CDs and DVDs sold, Berkner’s songs have become beloved classics for children worldwide. 2022 marked the 25th anniversary of the release of her debut album, *Whaddaya Think of That?*

As a leader and innovator in children’s music and entertainment for the past quarter of a century, Berkner has released 15 bestselling, award-winning albums; was the first recording artist ever to perform in music videos on Nick Jr.; appeared regularly on the network’s *Jack’s Big Music Show*; and helped develop the short-form animated musical preschool series *Sing It, Laurie!* on Sprout TV. She also created two *Laurie Berkner’s Song and Story Kitchen* series with Audible Studios, released as 10-chapter audio books through the Audible Originals brand.

Berkner has authored several picture books based on her songs, the most recent of which were published by Simon & Schuster. She has also written the music and lyrics for three off-Broadway children’s musicals produced by New York City Children’s Theater: *Wanda’s Monster*, *The Amazing Adventures of Harvey and the Princess* and *Interstellar Cinderella*. Maintaining a busy, nationwide touring schedule, both solo and with The Laurie Berkner Band, she has performed at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall and the White House, among many other prestigious venues.

What sets her apart? Berkner displays an instinctive understanding of children’s natural rhythms and energy, which keeps kids enraptured and brings parents and caregivers happily along for the ride. She finds inspiration in her audience. “I want to create songs that matter for children,” she says. “I was singing once and saw a four-year-old girl shut her eyes and start swaying to the music. I thought, ‘That’s the reason I got into music.’ It keeps me wanting to do more.”

Laurie Berkner’s Greatest Hits Solo Show features popular hits, like “Victor Vito,” “We Are The Dinosaurs,” “Pig On Her Head,” “Bumblebee (Buzz Buzz),” and “Rocketship Run,” plus—as a special treat for fans—a few well-loved Laurie Berkner songs that are not often heard at her full-band concerts. Kids can prep for the show by checking out the Laurie Berkner Band’s popular YouTube channel, and they should plan to bring their dancing shoes and a stuffed animal (for their heads)! The show runs approximately 1 hour.

Learn more at [www.laurieberkner.com](http://www.laurieberkner.com).