



Aaron Nigel Smith

Family Reggae Bash

SAT / FEB 23 / 11:00 AM

Aaron Nigel Smith

GUITAR & VOCALS

Jubba White

DRUMS

Justin Andres

BASS

Lanita Smith

GUITAR/KEYBOARDS

Rubén Salinas

SAXOPHONE

Evan Mackey

TROMBONE

Rebecca Wright

CHORUS DIRECTOR

Kevin Harp

AUDIO ENGINEER

1 World Chorus Singers

Beth Blenz Clucas

Sugar Mountain PR

Aya World Productions

Aaron Nigel Smith proudly endorses Martin Guitars.



Today's program will be announced from the stage.

There will be no intermission.

Family Performances at The Broad Stage made possible in part by the generous support of the City of Santa Monica and the Santa Monica Arts Commissions, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Los Angeles County Arts Commission.

Aaron is delighted to return to his former hometown for a performance and live recording of some of his best known children's songs. His reggae rhythms encourage families to sing, dance and play together. So please feel free to clap your hands, stomp your feet and move around to the beat!



ABOUT THE ARTIST

For the past 15 years, **AARON NIGEL SMITH** has worked to educate, empower and entertain youth and families around the world. In 2005, Aaron's debut CD release, *Let's Pretend*, won the NAPPA & IParenting Media Awards. His 2010 CD *Everyone Loves to Dance* received a Parents' Choice Award and recognition in *People Magazine*. In 2009, he collaborated with Ziggy Marley on a Bob Marley children's record, *B is for Bob*. Aaron Nigel Smith joined the cast of the Emmy® Award-Winning PBS Kids show, *Between the Lions*, in 2008. In 2009, Aaron and his wife of 19 years, Diedre, formed the non-profit One World Chorus with the goal of building bridges internationally through choral singing. There are currently children involved in Portland, Los Angeles, New York, Kenya and Jamaica. In 2012, One World Chorus released a debut CD, *Welcome to the Village*, to critical acclaim. *People Magazine* and *USA Today* recognized the project as one of the best children's releases of the year and the CD received a Parents' Choice Award. The 2015 release, *Celebrating Bob Marley*, spent several weeks on the Billboard reggae charts.

The Rox in Sox Children's Music & Book Festival is a project that Aaron spearheaded. During this free charity event, families in the US and Jamaica enjoy a day of free world-class music, authors, family-friendly activities and food vendors. Socks, shoes and books are donated at the entrance of the event in the U.S. and distributed to youth in Jamaica and Kenya. Aaron also works with Ben & Jerry's, The Bob Marley Foundation and PYE Global to organize the One Love Youth Camp. This special project brings youth from rural and urban Jamaica together for a week-long camp that encourages creativity, empowerment and conflict resolution. Aaron has been a Rotarian since 2013 and he was awarded the Vocational Leadership Award in 2016 and Service Above Self in Education Award in 2018. Aaron works with the Right Brain Initiative and Young Audiences of Oregon to bring chorus, drumming and multimedia residencies and performances to school children in Oregon and SW Washington. In 2014, Young Audiences named Aaron Teaching Artist of the Year.