

Biography

Susan Salidor is an award-winning children's music composer and performer and with the heart of a teacher. Her newest recording, ***Come and Make a Circle 3: Even More Terrific Tunes for Children and Those Who Love Them***, is the third in the ***Circle*** series. **CMC3** has 18 tracks of brand new, original songs written for and inspired by young children, along with one cover tune, "We're Building a Better World," by Peter and Ellen Allard. Accompanying herself on ukulele and autoharp, Susan is joined by long-time collaborators Matt Yanny-Tillar and Peter Buttitta. **CMC3** was recorded, mixed and mastered by Victor Sanders of Lakeside Media, Chicago, who contributed substantial bass and guitar parts. Karen Horwitz (piano), John Williams (accordion) and Nathan Inserra-Mousin (percussion) round out the fine band of musicians on Susan's eighth album along with a handful of adorable young singers.

Susan's first recording, ***Little Voices In My Head*** (1995), received an **Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Award** and was named "One of the year's five best children's recordings" by Sesame Street Parent Magazine. Her second recording, ***Susan Salidor: By Heart*** (1996), was honored with a **Parents' Choice Gold Award for Excellence** and received unanimous praise in the Chicago Tribune, Nashville Parent, Parents' Magazine, ALA Booklist, and Family Fun Magazine, which called ***By Heart*** "an album to savor." ***Color Me Singing*** (1998), Susan's third kids' recording, was chosen as a selection in Book-of-the-Month Club's Sound Review Catalog. ***Color Me Singing*** also a **Parents' Choice Gold Award**, an **Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Platinum Audio Award 2000**, as well as a "Listen Up!" award from Publishers Weekly. Her fourth recording, ***Shiny New Shoes*** (2001), was awarded a **Parents' Choice Silver Award** and in his Chicago Parent review, Fred Koch writes that ***Shiny New Shoes*** "brims with delightful songs and is filled with expert musicianship." In 2008, Susan released ***Songs in the Key of Chai***, a compilation CD that includes all of her recorded Jewish music plus a handful of new, original songs as a tribute to her father, Leonard Salidor. ***Come and Make a Circle*** and ***Come and Make a Circle 2*** are winners of a **Parents' Choice Award** and a **NAPPA Award**. The first ***Come and Make a Circle*** recording is also a winner of an **Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Award** and an **iParenting Media Award**.

Susan has also been honored as a songwriter with several ASCAP Popular Awards for songwriting. In addition, the song "Color Me Singing," is featured in a primary school textbook Making Music (Scott Foresman/Silver Burdett). Susan's recordings are recommended in The Best of Everything for Your Baby (Krantz/Exley, Prentice Hall), and her song, "Ruby B.," appears in the first edition of Ruby Bridges' autobiography Through My Eyes (Scholastic Press). Her original song "I'm Sorry" is in the compilation CD ***Big Bully***, part of The Best Foot Forward Music Series by Recess Records. Susan is thrilled that a song from her new CMC3 CD, "Every Little Bit of You," will appear on another Recess Records compilation CD toward the end of 2013. She has also published The Susan Salidor Songbook, a songbook and CD set of original music from her first four recordings. For several years Susan co-hosted "Kids Play Radio," a weekly broadcast on Chicago's WLUW 88.7 FM. Her songs can be heard on in-flight kids' programming on TED Airlines, XM Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio.

Susan's concert venues include schools, libraries, colleges, theatres, children's museums, music festivals and bookstores in major cities throughout the country. On the educational front, she teaches preschool music in and around the Chicago area and her music workshops (***Sure-Fire Hits for Preschool Teachers***, ***Sure-Fire Hits 2: Just the Songs***, and ***Come and Make a Circle***) have received rave reviews at professional teaching conferences nationwide. She has presented multiple times for regional AEYC conferences and at the national NAEYC conference, which draws 25,000 early childhood educators annually. Susan has served as an "Artist in Residence" for the Rockford Public Schools' Early Childhood Program and for the Waukegan Public Schools teaching music classes and training teachers. Susan and husband Jay Rehak collaborated on a children's show, ***Noah's Ark: The Musical***, which has been produced in both Chicago and Michigan. All of Susan's recordings are available online www.SusanSalidor.com, Apple iTunes, Amazon.com and CDBaby.com. Susan and husband Jay have created dozens of YouTube videos to her songs, but they are most delighted by the hundreds of original videos recorded by fans of Susan's music that can be found on the internet.

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Recordings

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Come and Make a Circle (2003)

Oppenheim Toy Portfolio

Parents' Choice

iParenting Media

NAPPA

Come and Make a Circle 2 (2005)

NAPPA

Parents' Choice

"Not only is her voice lovely, warm and welcoming, the musicianship is top notch and every song is age appropriate."

- 2006 Parents' Choice Review

Songs in the Key of Chai: Oldish, Newish and Mostly Jewish Songs for All Families (2008)

"A delightful collection of folk-inspired upbeat family songs featuring Susan's powerful voice." – OySongs.com

"Salidor's lovely voice highlights this collection of traditional Jewish Songs in the Key of Chai remembered from her youth and a fewish, newish some not Jewish originals that weave seamlessly into this beautiful musical tapestry. Certainly a work of love." – Kidzmusic.com

"...as a parent, I love Susan Salidor's albums because, with her honeyed voice and acoustic arrangements, she presents music from a wide range of cultures, including a Jewish track or two. On this album, she collects 17 of these sing-along-able, family-friendly favorites, and some surprises (of course "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" is a Jewish song!). Parents have confided in me that they have listened to her CDs when the kids aren't even in the car." – Paul Weider, JUF News

Come and Make a Circle 3 (2013) –NEW!

Compilations

Big Bully - The Best Foot Forward Children's Music Series from Recess Music

2011 Parents' Choice Award

"Highlights include Susan Salidor's 'I'm Sorry.'" – Amazon.com editorial review