

## Performer Billy Jonas Brings Creative Show to Raue Center

Show is fun for viewers of all ages. | March 18, 2013

Entertainer Billy Jonas brings his award-winning, creative, interactive and fun for all ages show to the Raue Center for the Arts in Crystal Lake.

The show is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, at the Raue Center, 26 N. Williams St.

Attendees can throw out the rules when Billy Jonas hits the stage, according to the Raue. Jonas' show is a musical conversation... a sonic celebration ... a splendiferous gathering of old and young, because the ensemble is... everyone.Billy Jonas is one of those rare performers who can engage and delight both young and adult audiences. It's a "neo-tribal hootenanny" -- original "voice and percussion" -based songs with a generous dose of audience participation.

The music mixes conventional instruments (guitar, bass, marimba) with homemade creations (using buckets and barrels, keys and cans, bells and body percussion).

Billy tailors both his song selection and its presentation to uniquely suit each audience. It's spirited, straightforward music that is accessible to anyone and everyone, regardless of age or cultural background, according to the Raue Center.

The big-tent festival quality of Billy's music facilitates connection and community while fostering inspiration and... most importantly... FUN.Billy Jonas' recordings and live concerts across the US and Canada have generated an enthusiastic following, according to Raue officials.

His CD, "What Kind of Cat are You?!" received multiple awards including a First Place/Gold from AFIM (American Federation of Independent Musicians), and a Parent's Choice Gold.

Jonas' videos have garnered critical acclaim, including Parents Choice Awards and a New York Times "Best" listing. In 2010 he was invited to present a concert at the White House.

WHAT: BILLY JONAS FAMILY CONCERT

WHERE: Raue Center For The Arts, 26 N. Williams Street, Crystal Lake

**WHEN:** Friday, April 5, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

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