

# Louisiana Early Childhood Association Conference

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“MUSIC + THE HUMAN BRAIN = A NATURAL HARMONY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN”

## Keynote Speaker: Sharon MacDonald, M.ED



Sharon has been training teachers for more than 20 years throughout the United States on a variety of early childhood topics. Her training is based on her unique perspective from 28 years as an early-childhood teacher. Her practical ideas, down-to-earth approaches, and her enthusiastic presentation style will energize and delight you. You will be able to implement many of her ideas in your classroom right away.

Sharon is a frequent keynote and featured speaker at national and state early-childhood conferences. And she has written many teacher resource books and children's stories, as well as, articles that have been published in variety of early childhood magazines. Her books include: *Squish, Sort, Paint and Build*, *Everyday Discoveries*, *Block Play*, *Sanity Savers for Early Childhood Teachers*, *Math in Minutes*, (all published by Gryphon House), *Portfolio and Its Use*, 2nd Ed: *A Roadmap for Assessment* (published by the Southern Early Childhood Association), *Assessment: A Portfolio Approach* (published by Frog Street Press), and one song lyric based activity book entitled *Jingle in my Pocket Book* (published by Grasshopper Press).

Kaplan Early Learning published her new book *It's in the Bag*. Sharon has numerous children's book published by Kaplan and by Frog Street Press. She had contributed many elements to the Frog Street Press 2011 Pre-K Curriculum.

## Keynote Speaker: Stephen Fite



Stephen is an award-winning musician/writer whose albums have received eighteen nationally recognized honors. Suitable for the classroom, car or living room, his upbeat brand of children's music spans the spectrum from Rock to Reggae, Pop to Blues, Dixieland and many other styles.

His newest release, **Songs For A Funtastic School Day** is a collection of upbeat movement & curriculum based songs targeted for Pre-K through 2nd Grade classrooms! These Stephen Fite recordings, **Giddy Up & Learn**, **Dive Into A Learning Adventure**, **All Aboard for Learning**, **Gobs Of Fun**, **Rock The Day Away**, **We're Just Like Crayons**, **Wiggles, Jiggles & Giggles & Havin' Fun & Feel-in' Groovy** are recipients of multiple children's music awards.

In addition to his award winning albums, Stephen has written the following titles: **Cool To Be In School**, **Monkey Business**, **Watch Me Move**, as well as, these titles with children's artist Mr. Al, **Just One World**, **Back To School** and **Back To School Again**.

Find out more about Stephen at <http://melodyhousemusic.com/artist>