

**SQUEAKY
CLEAN**

**‘Mistletunes’
Multicultural
Holiday Show**

SQUEAKY CLEAN presents a rocking interactive program of December songs for today’s multicultural audiences. “Mistletunes” celebrates the rich diversity of cultural traditions associated with the end-of-the-year holiday celebrations.

SQUEAKY CLEAN is a New York-based rock and roll band known for performing well-loved songs with an authentic look and sound for audiences of all ages, especially children. Many shows feature 13-year-old Addison Manion playing alto and baritone saxophone.



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Glenn's rendition of the classic *Jingle Bell Rock* opens the show as the audience claps and sings along. Suzanne follows with *Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer*, encouraging the children to add the supplementary lyrics made famous by Bart Simpson (e.g. "Like a light bulb"). As she sings the song, she dons antlers, the first of many silly hats she will wear during the performance.

Every holiday has special treats associated with it, and SQUEAKY CLEAN satisfies the audience's sweet tooth with their note-perfect performance of the Chordettes' *Lollypop* and the Archies' *Sugar Sugar*.

All children love to sing *The Dreydel Song*. The audience gets a chance to imitate the spinning top as Suzanne shows them how to do The Twist from their seats. *Must Be Santa* combines an irresistible polka beat with call-and-response lyrics.

Glenn then explains that many December holidays feature the lighting of candles. Kwanzaa celebrates African cultural values, each represented by a candle. The band's performance of *Lean On Me* recognizes the principle of *Ujima* (collective work and responsibility). Hispanic holiday traditions are celebrated with *Feliz Navidad*, with Glenn encouraging the audiences to give holiday greetings to each other.

The South Asian festival of lights known as *Diwali* and the Muslim holiday of *Eid al Fitr* are also acknowledged, though they may not fall within the month of December.

A highlight of the show occurs when three audience members are chosen to portray Simon, Theodore and Alvin with costumes provided by the band. Under Glenn's direction, they lip-synch the Chipmunks' *Christmas Don't Be Late* ("I still want a Hula Hoop!")

Children of all backgrounds and traditions will love "Mistletunes!"

