

# **Trout Fishing in America Programs**

**TROUT FISHING IN AMERICA performs four programs:**

- \* A children's show - a one hour performance geared for children ages 4-12
- \* A family show – this combines some of their children's material with the lighter side of the folk/pop show
- \* A folk/pop concert - this concert does not contain any material that would be inappropriate for children, but rather concentrates on more sophisticated original music and lyrics.
- \* Residency Songwriting Workshops - one of which is described below.

TFIA offers special songwriting workshops for students and educators as part of a residency program that includes the combination of songwriting workshops and concerts.

These programs are designed to introduce children to the creative process of songwriting. They stimulate imaginations, increase interest in music and the arts, encourage teamwork, improve language skills and build self-esteem. Last but not least, they are just plain fun.

The Songwriting Workshops are approximately one hour in length and work best with between 20 and 40 students. TFIA begins by performing a couple of their original songs that come from everyday real life experiences. They guide the students through the development of a storyline by brainstorming for topics, then phrases and finally rhyming schemes. This is followed by melody suggestions and musical bridge ideas. Before you know it, the students have collectively written an original song.

Other workshops for larger groups are available as well.

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