

Mp3 Marylee - Grasshoppers Three - Bug Songs



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KIDS/FAMILY: Sing-Along/Interactive, FOLK: Children's Folk Details: When the American Library Association chose Catch the Reading Bug as the Summer Reading theme for 2008, MaryLee knew it was time to create her new CD "Grasshoppers Three-Bug Songs." Heres an interview with MaryLee, winner of 4 Parents Choice Awards and 2 American Library Association Notable Childrens Recordings at Piper Grove Music: PGM: Where did you get all the bug songs? ML: Theres an amazing number of American folksongs that feature bugs. Ive been collecting them for years. And I wrote a few to add to the collection. PGM: It seems like a funny topic for the Libraries Summer Reading. ML: Yeah, but Catch the Reading Bug is such a cute idea for the littlest library patrons. The first couple of shows I performed, there were a lot of eeeooos from the audience and mothers faces had that disgusted look. But then, I started explaining some of the most amazing things about bugs. Really theyre fascinating. And just imaginewe have 60 of the same genes as a fruit fly! PGM: Good to know! So what else did you discover about bugs? ML: I loved finding out that grasshoppers and crickets make their sounds by rubbing their wings or their legs together or a leg and a wing. Thats why theyre always depicted as playing fiddles. Its that same sawing motion. And they are so loud! They really project a huge sound from such a small size. Its remarkable! PGM: I took note of the songs Burl Ives made famous on your album. You worked with him didnt you? ML: I sang and performed with Burl from 1971till he passed in 1995. He sang right up until the end. Being on stage with him was a performers dream. He was generous with his stage timeand always included younger musicians in his show. He had the gift of drawing an audience into the emotion of each song. Hed surprise a sophisticated audience with a kids song like I Know An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly. Hed pull tremendous emotion from the old abolitionist ballad Blue Tail Fly. And when he sang about

the hobo life in Big Rock Candy Mountain, everyone wanted to grab their nap sacks and hike in the woods! PGM: How did working with Burl Ives effect your style? ML: Burl kept it simple onstage. He sang folk songs with deep feeling. He was a wandering minstrel. Now I wander from library to library, school to school, and I sing. I keep it simple. I invite young people to listen and savor the words and emotion of a simple song. PGM: What will people get when they get Grasshoppers Three - Bug Songs? ML: Well, theyll get a lot of songs that mention bugs, songs that might bug them and songs that will encourage them to catch the reading bug! Folk songs have rich ties to our history and the American way of life. You can learn a lot from a good folk song! People who are interested in Burl Ives Raffi should consider this download.

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