

Take a Break with Jake The Road Dawg

‘Paws’itive-Inspirational Award-winning, Singer-Songwriters Tia McGraff and Tommy Parham understand these are challenging times in the classroom environment and are here to give you and your students a creative and inspiring break. Introducing, *Jake The Road Dawg Songs’n’Tails Kid Vid Series.*

Inspired by Tia’s MG children’s book, Jake The Road Dawg, each twenty to thirty minute video in the nine part KidVid series, includes a chapter reading, and an insight into the songwriting and recording process. Over nine weeks students and teachers will explore various aspects of songwriting: including structure, melody, lyric, rhyme scheme etc., and be inspired to craft their own song based on the theme, *Who’s Your Super Hero*. Other subjects touched on during the course are local history, geography, movement, art, and Jake’s favorite, friendship, confidence and character building. Filmed on location in their professional virtual/recording studio on Lake Erie, ON, Tia and Tommy perform their award winning songs and how they wrote them. From Abigail Becker (based on the heroine of Long Point) to their fans’ favorite, Two Wolves, (based on the Indigenous legend of a grandfather and grandson discussing the growing pains of adolescence). Tommy’s Native American heritage (Shoshone and Ute) is celebrated here as he teaches and invites you to join him in singing an engaging and inspiring Indigenous Vocabable/chant. At the end of nine weeks, your students will have shared a journey of music, story, and inspiration, creativity and character building. *You are invited to be the stage manager and with your students create your own music festival in your classroom or invite parents and make it a fundraiser event. It’s your show!*



View Chapter 2 here: <https://youtu.be/g9M3YD1scqc>

View the trailer here: <https://youtu.be/mW4A5Hu7yD8>

For those of you looking for some extra help with your guitar lessons, Jake’s Guitar Shop might just be the answer. With over 30 years of professional on stage and in-studio experience, Tia and Tommy have created this beginner guitar lesson video as a free add on. Each series will be delivered directly and securely to your e-mail through a set of 9 video downloads. This gives you, the teacher, the flexibility and freedom to choose the scheduling that fits your itinerary best. Stop and start the videos as you need. Discuss and create with your students or allow them to work on their own. **It’s your classroom. Find the song in your heart. Let yourself be crazy beautiful!**

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“Tia worked with me at a Magnet School for the Arts in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. This school attracted 625 kids each week, who travelled from their home schools, for ½ day every week, for an entire year. Tia was an invaluable member to our Arts Team, where I was the Arts Coordinator and Manager of the program. I could always depend on Tia to be quick to get a rousing sing along happening; be open to improvising on her guitar or keyboard to get everyone in the groove; and to offer new ideas when celebrating the skills, the kids were excited to demonstrate, when performing on Hamilton Place Stage.” Patricia Gough



Jake The Road Dawg



by Tia McGraff

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Book Review

Reviewed by Emily-Jane Hills Orford for Readers' Favorite

Jake the Road Dawg shows responsibility, looking for all that is beautiful and magical even in what might otherwise be scary, sharing music to make people happy, but most importantly, learning that life is about friendship and family. Tia McGraff's story, Jake the Road Dawg, is a sweet, true story about an amazing shelter puppy and his new friends at his forever home. Told in the third person narrative, the plot follows Jake's story from an abusive first home to a shelter puppy to a loving, musical forever family. He finds his sense of place among the love and music that surround him in his new home, and he even finds his tail, something that hadn't wagged once until he first met his forever family (it was a shocking revelation when it wagged for the first time). Jake's story is touching and heartwarming and will be enjoyed by dog lovers of all ages. The added bonus to Jake's story is the photo album at the end that honors this charming little man, as his new forever mom keeps calling him. What a beautiful story! Loved it!