

# Johnny and the Raindrops

*'Infectious, joyous fun ... packed with feel-good songs ... perfect for a family audience'*

**BBC**

*Johnny and the Raindrops play inspiring, dynamic, participatory, life-affirming, heart-warming, original all-ages social music*



The UK-based four-piece band have been thrilling audiences since 2008 with their interactive 'gigs for cool kids' at festivals and community events.

Songs from band's seven albums are brought to life with costumes, props and a whole heap of help from the audience.

Youngsters with a knack for punk-rock pogoing can get up on stage with guitars or dress up as peas, carrots, cats and superheroes.

Everyone can learn a few things at Pirate School! Watch out for the flying teddy bears!

**Johnny and the Raindrops** have delivered highly-acclaimed sets and sold out shows at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Wheee! International Children's Festival and hundreds of festivals, theatres, schools, libraries, ice arenas, parties and venues in the UK and in the USA.

Lead singer and songwriter Johnny (AKA Liam Maloy) has a PhD in recorded music made for children and its broadcasting. His academic book *Spinning the Child* (2019 Routledge), journal publications and conference presentations help position him as a one of the leading scholars in the field of children's music. As an educator, songwriter, researcher and author, Liam has dedicated much of his career to creating, performing and thinking about music for children.



The Raindrops' lovingly-crafted songs have been played on radio and TV all over the world. Songs such as 'Everybody's body is different', 'If you want to be somebody, be yourself', 'Growing sideways', 'Song full of hope' carefully balance entertainment with learning (languages, planets, telling the time, origins of the days of the week) and positive social and personal themes of diversity, hope, respect and identity. 'Lend a friend a hand' was nominated for a Roundglass songwriting award in New York. 'Animals in danger' and 'Shine a light' have been sung by school children and choirs in the Arctic Circle, New Zealand and elsewhere.



The band are now looking to book festival dates for 2020. They have appeared on main stages, headlined children's tents, delivered music and song workshops for children and families, and performed acoustic sets in a wide variety of 'off-grid' and roving locations. Johnny is also available to perform solo. The band have a huge repertoire of originals and covers and can provide themed sets including pirates/mermaids/sea, Halloween, Christmas and Robin Hood.

**We look forward to hearing from you!**

*'Intelligent, funny, catchy songs with children's themes and adult twists. A truly family music experience'*

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