

Dave Jay, a multi-talented writer and performer who creates original music and comedy for kids and adults, began doing impressions and character voices at age 6, and writing songs at age 9, imagining himself to be the 5<sup>th</sup> Monkee--that is, until he heard The Beatles!

Having completed a critically acclaimed run of **johnpaulgeorgeringo**, (Dave Jay's impromptu, interactive, unique one man Beatles tribute in which he smoothly morphs between the four characterizations), in the *New York International Fringe Festival* - selected "**Outstanding Solo Show**", a successful run at the world famous **Cavern Club** in Liverpool, England during "**Beatles Week**" and continued success as part of **The FringeNYC Encore Series**, Dave Jay also wowed audiences at the renowned off-Broadway theater, **SOHO Playhouse**, Times Square's **HA! Comedy Club**, and the legendary **B.B. King Blues Bar**, plus as a special guest in **The Frigid Theater Festival**, all in NYC. Dave Jay has also performed the show in Louisville, KY as part of the world's largest Beatles-inspired festival, *Abbey Road On the River*.

Dave Jay's latest two CDs of original music are *Songs from johnpaulgeorgeringo*, containing songs written specifically for the earliest incarnation of his solo show, and *Songs for Today's Attention Span*, a collection of thoughtful, catchy tunes, all co-produced with multi-talented writer/producer/musician **Lenny Monachello** (**ThisWay**, **All Night Chemists**) at his **Soundtronics** recording studio in Williamsburgh, Brooklyn.

Whether charming national television audiences on ABC-TV's *The View* as their "**Original Song Contest Winner**", or writing music licensed by MTV for *The Osbournes*, as well as other shows, Dave Jay injects his original brand of upbeat, melodic, clever, lyric-driven, jazz-tinged pop/rock music into every performance. Having played at clubs, bars, parties, theaters, festivals, book stores, mental facilities, schools, and hospitals throughout the tri-state area, in the past several years he has logged hundreds of performances along the eastern seaboard, from New England to Key West, FL, including electric, unplugged, solo and group concerts.

In addition to writing and producing original educational songs for **Ignite! Learning**, whose animated shorts are used in the classroom setting, Dave Jay has created *The Punctualtion People* and *One Minute Autobiography*, his own line of "**Insightful Entertainment**" music videos designed to teach kids in a fun way—not unlike perennial favorites *Schoolhouse Rock* and *Sesame Street*. Dave Jay has also released *Balloon to the Moon*, his CD of original, character-driven, upbat children's music, (also recorded with **Monachello**), selling out twice at **Books of Wonder**, New York City's largest independent children's book store.

Dave Jay performs for kids of all ages, including special needs shows for kids and adults, through organizations such as **The Starlight Foundation**, **Hospital Audiences, Inc.**, **Music That Heals**, **United Cerebral Palsy**, **Brooklyn Services for Autistic Citizens**, and **Musicians On Call**, as well as many others.

Other honors include: Finalist in **The Connecticut Comedy Festival** (which aired on PBS), and "Special Guest Performer" in **Shure Microphone's Best Singer/Songwriter in New York Competition**.

For all things Dave Jay, sign up for his blog updates at [www.davejay.com](http://www.davejay.com).

## TESTIMONIALS/VENUES

"We loved Dave Jay; his delightful, colorful show was a hit! As he moved through the crowd, Dave Jay evoked smiles and laughter and hand clapping. It truly can be said "Music Does Heal"."

**--Beverly Ellman, Director, United Cerebral Palsy of New York City**

"Dave Jay was a fantastic performer! [His] ability to stimulate the children to visually focus, dance, follow directions and have fun singing were exceptional. Dave has a sensitive insight into the needs of these special children."

**--Natalie Postelnek, Program Director, Special Kids Intervention Program, Inc. (SKIP)**

"Dave Jay's music is both soothing and stimulating to our children with more severe disabilities. The music encouraged many of our children with language delays to try and use their language. Dave was really dedicated; he traveled to our school in an ice storm, accommodated our schedules, waited for the children and stayed later. Dave Jay was GREAT!"

**--Jennifer Bommarito, Educational Coordinator, Queens Center For Progress, *Services for People with Developmental Disabilities***

### **Some of the venues at which Dave Jay has performed:**

Autism Society of America/Brooklyn Chapter \* United Cerebral Palsy of NYC/Bronx Children's Program \* United Cerebral Palsy of NYC/Hearst Children's Center \* Mercy Home For Children \* Terence Cardinal Cooke Healthcare Center/Specialty Hospital for Children \* Manhattan Psychiatric Center \* Bronx Psychiatric Center \* Transitional Services For New York \* Hebrew Home For The Aged at Riverdale \* Fairview Nursing Care Center \* Skylight Center \* Laconia Nursing Home \* Roosevelt Island Disabled Association \* Kingsboro Psychiatric Center \* Flushing Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation \* NY Psychotherapy Counseling Center \* Woodbridge Developmental Center \* Fedcap, Inc./Chelton Loft \* South Beach Psychiatric Center \* Kirby Forensic Psychiatric Center \* NYU Langone Medical Center \* Hassenfeld Children's Center for Cancer & Blood Disorders \* Advocates for Services for the Blind & Multi-Handicapped \* Encore 49 Residence \* Saint Vincent's Catholic Medical Centers/Inpatient Psych. \* Association for the Help of Retarded Children/Bronx Blue Feather \* Icahn House \* Association for the Help of Retarded Children/Francis of Paola \* Waterview Nursing Care Center \* Hudson Pointe \* Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center \* Greenpark Care Center \* Palm Tree Nursing Home \* Dr. William Benenson Rehab Pavilion \* Unique People Services/Aldus St. Residence \* Bronx Developmental

Services/Pond Place \* Bronx Developmental Services/Kingsbridge \* Bronx Developmental Services/Bainbridge  
\* Bronx Developmental Services/Metro NY \* Federation Employment Guidance Service \* Queens Centers for  
Progress/School Children's Center \* Birch Family Services/Herbert G. Birch School \* Birch Family  
Services/Nazareth Early Childcare Center \* Bronxworks/Jackson Ave. Family Residence \* Project  
Renewal/Clinton Residence \* Lutheran Augustana Center \* St. Elizabeth Ann's Healthcare & Rehabilitation \*  
Creedmoor Psychiatric Center \* The Center For Discovery, Harris, NY \* Queens Center For Progress \* SKIP  
(Special Kids Intervention Program) \* Jewish Home & Hospital for the Aged/Kittay House