

# **WILL HALE & THE TADPOLE PARADE**

## **Rock Concerts for Kids**

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**Will Hale and the Tadpole Parade: Kids are the rock stars!** When they clap, dance and sing with Will Hale, the king of rocking air guitar. Will's kid tested, teacher approved concerts create a fun atmosphere filled with plenty of audience participation, excitement and energy. Kids will enjoy Will's captivating music performances which include a friendly mix of festive drums, guitar, mandolin, and harmonica, but by far the most fun is when the kids pick up their inflatable air guitars and jam! For all the details call Will Hale 651-307-3849 cell or visit [www.willhale.com](http://www.willhale.com)

*"Will Hale is a true kids rock star. We often times refer to him as the king of the air guitar. I always call him first for all of our kids events."* Kelly Cochrane – President, SilhouettEvents

*"Will Hale is a top notch performer. His music is pleasantly refreshing compared with traditional sugar coated children's music. Kids and parents love to dance and rock along with their air guitars. Good fun for everyone!"* Christy Novak - MN Children's Museum 651-225- 6010 [cnovak@mcm.org](mailto:cnovak@mcm.org)

*"It's fun to watch kids engaged in a positive environment with Will and The Tadpole Parade. His enthusiasm for music and children is contagious!"*

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Minnesota Association for the Education of Young Children (MNAEYC)  
Minnesota School Age Care Alliance (MNSACA)

*"Will Hale and his Tadpole Parade is always a hit at Mall of America. His air guitars really get kids excited and encourages them to participate."* Mall of America - Events Coordinator

*"Will Hale's concerts are amazing. We had a blast! A professional production, filled with exceptional talent."* Kirstin Wiegmann - Ordway Center for the Performing Arts

*"Will Hale's rock concerts are totally unique. I can't compare them to any event we have ever done. We enjoyed the whole experience!"* Kim St. Marie - Zumbrota-Mazeppa Elementary

*"Will Hale's concerts at our summer music series are always an unforgettable favorite."* Minneapolis Parks & Recreation

*"Will Hale is the only one to unseat High School Musical out of our family CD player!"* Bill Roach - Parent

*"The kids absolutely loved it! They never stopped singing all the way home."* Kris Drury – Parent

*"Engaging, absolutely fabulous!"* Brenna Collins – Sunny Hill Preschool

*"Will Hale is the greatest singer ever!"* Ryan age 4

*"Better than awesome!"* Danny age 7

# Will Hale Artistic Accomplishments

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## PERFORMING EXPERIENCE: *CONCERTS FOR KIDS*

1992 – Present: **Over 150 performances every year.** Festivals, elementary schools, parks, libraries, daycare centers, and community events. Including

- *Overture Center Kids in the Rotunda*, Madison, WI
- *Sheldon Theater*, Red Wing, MN
- *Tree Frog Music Festival*, Faribault, MN
- *The Mall of America*, Bloomington, MN
- *Green Bay Packers*, Green Bay, WI
- *Day Out With Thomas the Tank Engine*  
Saint Louis, MO – Stillwater & Lakeville, MN
- *Minnesota State Fair*, Saint Paul, MN
- *Orchestra Hall Day of Music*, Minneapolis, MN
- *Children's Museums* of Saint Paul, Duluth and Madison.

**ACTIVE INTERNET PRESENCE:** [www.willhale.com](http://www.willhale.com) and over fifty web sites sell downloads of Will Hale music, including Amazon, iTunes, MySpace and CD Baby.

**RADIO:** 2002 – Present: Producer and host **Family Groove**, a kids music show at KFAI radio in Minneapolis, creating valuable connections with national kids' artists and publicists.

**TELEVISION:** 1992-94 Will Hale produced **Full Circle**, a children's TV series.

February 2007 *Winter in Wisconsin* music video with Mr. Billy

Frequent concert productions for cable TV with many repeat broadcasts, including three in 2007.

**"FOOD THAT ROCKS"** 2004 – by Margie Lapanja, Cindy Coverdale

A book of favorite recipes from famous rock stars including **Will Hale**, Steve Vai, Joe Satriani, Jacqueline Pierce, Ted Nugent, Joe Perry of Aerosmith, Sarah McLachlan, Bob Weir of the Grateful Dead, Billy Corgan of the Smashing Pumpkins, John Lodge of The Moody Blues, Alex Ligertwood of Santana, Brian May of Queen.

**2009 Twin Cities Small Business of the Year** – NDC Entrepreneur Recognition Awards.

## SONGWRITING AND ARTS EDUCATION EXPERIENCE:

- 1997- Present **Songwriting Residencies** at Midwestern elementary schools.
- 1999 – 2005 **MN State Arts Board - Arts in Education Roster Artist**
- 2000-2001 **Depot Outreach – Arts in Schools**, MN Arrowhead Region
- **Education Assistant** 1993-94 and 2003 elementary after school programs.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- Broadcast Music, Incorporated (**BMI**)
- National Association of Recording Arts and Sciences (**NARAS**)
- American Composers Forum (**ACF**)
- MN School Age Care Alliance (**MnSACA**)
- National After School Association (**NAA**)
- Children's Music Network (**CMN**)

## WILL HALE DISCOGRAPHY:

- 2009 **Growth Spurt Live!** Interactive live concert video DVD. Made possible with support from The American Composers Forum Subito grant program.
- 2009 **Growth Spurt Live!** Audio CD live concert recordings.
- 2009 **Turn Away & Other Rarities** A collection of previously unreleased original Will Hale songs including rare demos, bonus tracks and new studio recordings.
- 2008 **Free Prize Two** the second in a series of nationally distributed kids' music compilations co-produced by and featuring Will Hale.
- 2007 **All The Best** A greatest hits collection of 20 original Will Hale songs including the brand new tracks Falling Down, Rock Paper Scissors and Citizen of the World. Recorded with Tom Garneau (Engineer with eleven gold record awards)
- 2007 **Rock Paper Scissors** a song co-written, completely performed and produced with award winning children's artist Mr. Billy. Featured weekly on KS95 #2 rated MN station.
- 2006 **Free Prize Inside** First in a series of kids' music compilations featuring Will Hale.
- 2001 **Perfect World** included on the ballot for best children's recording in the 44th Annual Grammy Awards. An enhanced CD with bonus mp3 tracks, sheet music, coloring art, photos and a song scrapbook featuring a glimpse into the writing process with rare original raw recordings and early lyric drafts.
- 1996 **I Love Everything** included on the ballot for best children's recording in the 40th Annual Grammy Awards. Also received recognition in the 7th Annual Billboard and 13th Annual Mid-Atlantic songwriting competitions. **Featuring** musicians, Dean Magraw, Marc Anderson, Jim Anton, Willie Murphy, Brian Wicklund, Dan Newton, Lisa Fuglie and Billy McLaughlin, Will Hale percussion, vocals and all harmonica. I Love Everything and Perfect World were recorded, mixed and mastered by Tom Herbers at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ear Studio.

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