

## realartists #6:

Designed to be read aloud to kids, this series hopes to impart the idea early in life that we are all unique, creative, and “real” artists, singers, writers, dancers and more...

# i'm a real musician

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**Dr. Suzuki** says anyone can be a real musician.

Just listen, listen, listen, and play, play, play.

A real musician has fun and plays music with friends. My Dad and I practice together. He is my teacher and he's learning too.

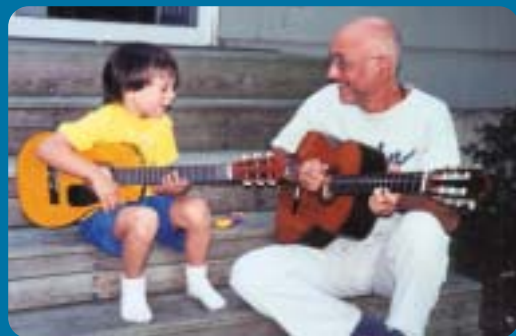
I like Bach and Beethoven, Broadway Kids and James Taylor, Lion King and prayer music by my friend, Eliezer. My Mom and Dad sing and dance a lot and so do I. My Dad rocked me to music when I was a baby. When I cried, he played *Dance Me to the End of Love* until I stopped crying.

My Dad helps me remember to practice the same time everyday, usually in the morning. He says it's okay to make mistakes and that I will only do it right after lots of practice and lots of mistakes! He says that what counts is perseverance, whatever that means. I think it means to keep on trying. Sometimes when I practice I forget that any one is in the room and I just concentrate on my xylophone.

I make up music on my xylophone, harmonica and drums and strum my guitar a lot. Members of the Norwalk Symphony even let me try the trumpet and violin. One time I even made a guitar out of rubber bands wrapped around a chair! I m glad Dr. Suzuki, my Dad and Mom showed me that I can be a real musician.



### ABOUT THE MUSICIAN...



Eli Cooper Friman is five years old and lives in Connecticut with his Mom and Dad near his Grammy and PopPop, but his heart belongs in California. He graduated from xylophone class last spring and will soon start guitar lessons at the Suzuki Talent Education School. Oh yeah, he loves riding his bike, climbing trees and yes, he does watch the occasional cartoon. (Don't tell his Waldorf teachers!)

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