

Barry Louis Polisar

author, songwriter, poet, and performer



photo by Michael G. Stewart

A five time Parents' Choice Award winner, Barry is a pioneer in the world of music for children. He has recorded and shared his songs, poems, stories, and books with audiences throughout the world.

Barry performs his songs on two different Grammy Award-winning albums and sings his song *All I Want is You* in the opening credits of the film **JUNO**. Barry has written songs for *Sesame Street* and *The Weekly Reader* and starred in a television show for children that won two Emmy awards.

Barry has performed at *The White House*, *The Smithsonian*, and *The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts*. He gives concerts and author visits in schools, theatres, and museums from Washington DC to Fairbanks, Alaska.



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Barry's songs are featured in dozens of TV commercials broadcast around the world, and can also be heard on television shows and in feature films. His songs have been recorded and performed by singers and musicians in different countries and his work has been featured on National Public Radio and written about in *The Washington Post*, *The Boston Globe*, *Newsweek*, and *People Magazine*.



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National Press Quotes

"Barry Louis Polisar marches to a decidedly different drummer... funny, irreverent, and simply delightful."

School Library Journal

"Off-the-wall, but right on target."

TEACHER
magazine

"Polisar is clearly not most contemporary children's entertainers. His songs always reflect the kid's view and that's part of Polisar's charm."

Entertainment

"Barry Louis Polisar sings songs, plays guitar, reads from his books, recites poetry and tells stories. Most important, he gives kids the giggles. Tons of giggles. And the children might be joined by chuckling parents that Polisar entertained 30 years ago."

The Washington Post

"It is the rare children's entertainer who can actually capture the attention of both kids and their parents. Barry Louis Polisar does it and you can't help but laugh."

All Things Considered, National Public Radio



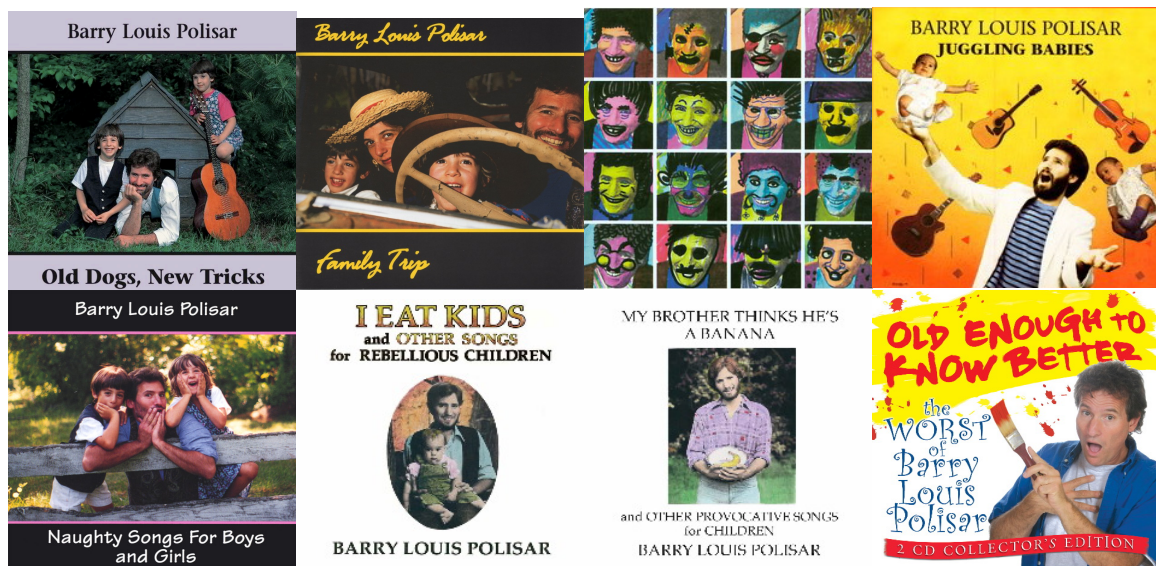
"His songs are humorous anthems to outrageousness that will have non-conformist children clamoring for more."



"Barry Louis Polisar is a one-man symphony of comic anarchy. At a time when vast numbers of our kids see school as endless drudgery, Polisar says otherwise. He says, isn't the English language fun?"



Selected Recordings



"Barry Louis Polisar was an early pioneer of children's music when his wacky and wonderfully innovative songs began eliciting giggles decades ago."

School Library Journal

"Barry Louis Polisar is a clown, minstrel, first-class lunatic, and the best kind of hero: outrageous and irreverent, all under the license of being irrepressibly funny. Kids--big and little--love him. Well worth selling all your child psychology texts for."



Selected Books



"Polisar fans will be delighted. His sly rhymes inform the reader even as they poke fun at their subjects."



"Barry Louis Polisar demonstrates more respect for children than just about any other artist, celebrating them as they are and encouraging them to laugh at themselves."

Booklist, American Library Association



Barry's TV Show

Barry explores museums and historical locations as he hosts and stars in *Field Trip*—a nationally televised show that won two Emmy Awards for quality children's television. After first airing on network TV, the show was syndicated on *Cable in the Classroom*, PBS, The Armed Services Television Network, and other national broadcasting outlets.



Other Voices

“We’re Not Kidding!” is a 2-CD “Tribute” album featuring sixty of Barry’s songs re-imagined and performed in genres as diverse as hip-hop, folk, jazz, rock, and klezmer, by musicians from around the world—many who listened to Barry’s songs when they were children.

Barry’s songs have been recorded by hundreds of other artists and performers over the years—and the first was Big Bird from Sesame Street.



TV, Film, and Commercials

Barry's sings his song *All I Want is You* in the opening credits of the Academy Award winning film JUNO – and in many other movies and television shows. Barry's songs can also be heard in over two dozen different TV ads.



"Barry Louis Polisar is a rare find. His performances were not only superbly entertaining for children, but were also highly educational and inspiring. It brought children face to face with a living, breathing author who has an incredibly unique ability to relate to them, and to share directly on their level about his work and his passion for writing and language. "

Children's Librarian, Bartow, Florida

"The kids and staff loved his performance and valuable insights! He was entertaining, funny, and personable. He took the time to sign autographs and was very accommodating to our financial situation and worked with me and my budget. I was a superstar for months after his visit! Everyone was so impressed and appreciative after his time with us. I highly recommend him!"

Media Specialist, Hallandale, Florida

"Barry Louis Polisar is a fantastic poet, musician and a great advocate for kids!. Lots of energy, incredibly zany lyrics and a good message about accepting differences. Hilarious and irreverent, adults and kids loved his program. He had us in stitches the whole hour. Mr. Polisar sang several of his songs, recited a few of his poems and talked about what it means to be a writer. His performance was unique and a complete blast. Most of all, kids seem to love to laugh and have a good time with his books, poetry and songs. I have never seen them laugh so hard! Highly recommended, the laughter is nonstop and contagious! "

Teacher, Palm Coast, Florida



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