

Geff Crawford has been playing fiddle for over 30 years, and banjo, guitar, & mandolin, too. His singing voice has a perfect old-timey sound, and he knows more tunes than a porcupine has quills. An experienced elementary school teacher, Geff knows a few things about what kids like - and they love his music.

Geff is a regular performer at the Strawberry Music Festival and at the Festival of American Fiddle Tunes, teaches fiddle in connection with the California Bluegrass Association Music Camp, and plays regularly for concerts, dances, fundraisers and private parties. Geff really knows how to keep kids engaged and involved, singing along with his eclectic and humorous repertoire. Mixing old favorites with quirky, newer treasures, Geff also writes kids' songs (rather irreverent ones) - & even does a magic trick or two!



As a teacher of 32 years, Geff played music and sang with kids virtually every day of his career. He performs assemblies and class presentations for all grade levels from pre-school on up, and for any size group.



In a typical school assembly or classroom program, Geff will play guitar, banjo, fiddle, mandolin, ukulele, jaw-harp, autoharp, and sing selections from his



huge repertoire of kids' songs and stories - maybe even a few that he's written himself.

The one criterion that Geff looks for in a song is that kids LIKE it. He knows how to keep kids focused, and he has excellent success getting kids to sing along, even those oh-so-sophisticated 6th graders!

Geff has a B.A. in mathematics from UC Berkeley, and an M.A. in education from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, served for two years in Teacher Corps in Michigan, then taught elementary school for 32 years in Amador County, California. He retired in June 2006.

Music assemblies -

Geff will sing traditional & original songs, play fiddle, banjo, guitar, ukelele, & more Suitable K-6, any size group, own sound system available if required

\$350 for one 50-60 minute assembly

\$550 for two 50-60 minute assemblies within a 2-hour timeframe

\$550 for 6 half-hour presentations visiting individual classrooms

Geff's assemblies support California education content standards for grades K-6 in Visual and Performing Arts: 1.0 Artistic Perception, 2.0 Creative Expression, 3.0 Historical and Cultural Context, 4.0 Aesthetic Valuing, and 5.0 Connections, Relationships, Applications.

Dear Mr. Crawford,

Dear Mr. Crawford,
I really appreciated what you did for us. My favorite was the haunted house. The sound effects were really funny. Again I thank you.

Thank you for coming to the school and performing for us I really liked the songs and your instruments.

My favorite instrument was the jaw harp I really liked that one. Your songs were cool.

Sincerely,
Gabriel Fulton

Dear Mr. Crawford,

Thank you for putting on an amazing show. I enjoyed it and I'm pretty sure the other students enjoyed it too.

Karen



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Plymouth Elementary

"Fabulous job. Geff did a wonderful job with audience involvement. The students loved it. I hope he can come back."

-Janis, K/1st teacher

"That was wonderful! I love watching the kids' faces. Geff even got the 6th graders to laugh.... Thanks for sharing"

- Gretchen, 5th grade teacher

Pine Grove Elementary

"Geff held our K-3 audience completely spellbound for 35 minutes - not an easy task! Looking around at all the grinning faces, the snapping fingers and clapping hands, it was clear that a lesson in music appreciation can be great fun as well. Geff is a master of several instruments, and ...made the show as delightful for adults as for our students."

- Martha, 1st/2nd grade teacher

"Geff had them eating out of the palm of his hand! Great songs! A wonderful opportunity for kids of all ages. Music and magic!" - Greg, 3rd/4th grade teacher

Ione Elementary

"Later in the day after Geff's assembly one of my second graders summed it up perfectly when he said, 'I just can't get that music out of my head.' Geff's assembly was not only informative about the music and instruments, but also fun and enjoyable. Thank you!" - Harlene, 2nd grade teacher

"Geff's presentation was delightful to young and old alike, full of energy and humor and just plain fun! The level of musicianship was high, and the various instruments were fascinating. My students talked about his songs for the rest of the day. I liked the mix of historical songs and different styles and the background information he gave. His presence was 'magic'." - Donald, 4th grade teacher

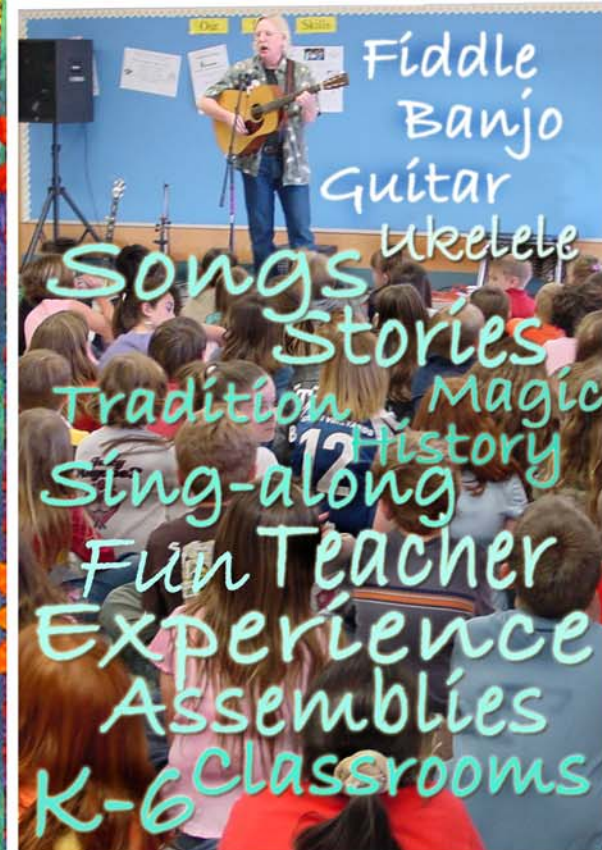
"Very entertaining - even my 'too mature' 6th graders were singing along and tapping their toes. Great job!" - Julia, 5th/6th grade teacher

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"My first graders loved the show, but it was my 5th grade son who was most excited. When I got home he excitedly asked me, 'Did you guys see the man play all the instruments? He was cool.'"
- Mike, 1st grade teacher

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"Geff does an excellent job. He holds the students' interest with songs, stories and demonstrations of the many instruments he plays. My class really enjoyed his visit!"

- Tom, 1st grade teacher,
Jackson Elementary

Experienced teacher
Multi-instrumentalist

School programs
and assemblies