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TOE JAM PUPPET BAND EXCEEDS 250 SHOWS IN 2006, INCREASING
POPULARITY AS THE FAVORITE BAND FOR LITTLE AND BIG KIDS OF ALL AGES

New Bedford, MA -- The Toe Jam Puppet Band has emerged as the latest children's musical group to gain popularity and a very loyal following among their tiny fans. Performing over 250 shows in 2006 and independently selling thousands of CDs, their lively show and music is always in demand.

Formed in 2000, the Toe Jam Puppet Band offers a special brand of interactive children's entertainment that grown-ups can actually enjoy. The dynamic group is great with kids, but best when parents are having fun with their little ones. The performances are very active, encouraging kids and parents to sing and dance along with the band as they entertain with a unique combination of original songs, masterful shadow puppetry, storytelling and just plain old fun.

With sponsorship from the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC), the Toe Jam Puppet Band released their first CD in April 2002. Featuring 14 original songs, the CD seeks to replicate the nurturing hands-on interactivity of the playgroup experience that has made them so well loved by children and parents.

"It has simply taken on a life of its own," said Cora-Dorothy Pierce, the MSPCC's SouthCoast regional director of programs. "We have created a community between the children and among the parents."

From dance songs like "Conga Line," "Barn Dance" and "Block Cheese Dance Party" to interactive songs such as "Car Wash," the flying "Laundry" and the wacky "Bubbles Machine," everyone, young and old, can't resist singing and dancing along. Plain old walls magically become a shadow puppet theater for "Mr. Bun," "Born a Bug" and various other puppet shows.

Heidi Abdallah, Recreation and Community Center Coordinator for the Town of Westport said, "The enthusiasm and love of entertaining that the Toe Jam Puppet Band possess was evident throughout the show. It was so wonderful to look out into the sea of faces and see so many smiles. The children and adults were totally engrossed in the interactive songs, storytelling and music. A delight for all!"

January 2004 brought the highly anticipated release of Toe Jam's second CD, *Dance Party*. The CD features songs that have become popular favorites at their live shows. To the delight of their fans, a coloring book was also released. The band is now working on a music video, while recording their third CD due in summer 2007. Their third CD promises to be their best ever, with an outer space theme and 19 original songs. A Pirate Theme show has also been added to their growing list of specialty shows.

Currently, the Toe Jam Puppet Band can be seen performing their well-known playgroups every Monday at 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM at the Buttonwood Park Zoo in New Bedford, MA.

For more information and to book the Toe Jam Puppet Band please contact Cheryl Marley, (508) 884-8983 or visit www.toejampuppetband.com.

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