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LAWLER + FADOUL kid-friendly bios (for educational programming)

ZARA LAWLER, flutist:

I began playing the flute when I was in fifth grade—that was the year we started band at my school in Nyack, New York. I was the last kid in my class to be able to make a sound on my instrument! I remember that when I first got a sound on it, I was so excited I ran around the whole neighborhood yelling, “I got a sound on the flute! I got a sound on the flute!” And even though it was pretty much right then that I knew I wanted to be a flutist when I grew up, I also wanted to be lots of other things too:

an archeologist, a firefighter, or a gymnast. One of my favorite things about being a professional musician is all the cool places that you get to visit. I spent three years living in Hong Kong, where I played in the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, and also got to spend summers in Germany, Canada, and in Vermont and Massachusetts. From 2000-2008, I played with a group called Tales & Scales, and got to travel all over the U.S. with the troupe. (In Tales & Scales is where I met Paul). Now I live in New York, and have fun traveling to Washington, DC to work with Paul. Other things that I love to do are folk and modern dancing and playing the banjo.



PAUL FADOUL, percussionist:

I started playing percussion when I was nine years old, after a few years of piano lessons. I use to take chop-sticks home from restaurants, lay all of my Dr. Seuss books out on the floor, and drum on them. When my mom heard me do that, she knew that I needed to start percussion lessons. After that, I split my time up between school work, percussion, and baseball. In high school, music took over and I stopped playing baseball, but I’m still a big New York Mets fan. Now, being a musician is my job, and from 2003 to 2005, I got to perform all over the country in a group called Tales & Scales. I spend a lot of my time teaching kids music in different ways. I teach and write the music for marching band drumlines, and I also teach piano

to students as young as 5 years old and perform for students all over the Washington DC area. When I’m not doing music, I enjoy spending time with my cat and playing tennis.