

LEENY and TAMARA

About Leeny and Tamara: *Sharing the Same Stars* Kids' music that's funducational!



Fasten your seat belts for the first collaboration between award-winning children's music artist Ilene (Leeny) Altman and New York City singer/ songwriter Tamara Hey. *Sharing the Same Stars* (2009) by Leeny and Tamara is poised to become a kids' music classic, already being dubbed by parents as the new *Free To Be You and Me* for the next generation. The CD features 14 original, funny, intelligent, and catchy songs about topics including ladybugs, seat belt safety, the epidermis, shyness, the USA, and kindness. Tamara says, "It's an album about feelings, about respect for yourself and the world around you, and..." Leeny interjects, "It totally rocks!"

Keep an eye out for live performances by Leeny and Tamara in the northeast where they are based (Leeny in MA and Tamara in NY). "The thing that parents like most about our live shows is that the kids become a big part of the performance," says Tamara. "We get the kids involved, asking questions and teaching them vocals right there to sing along." Leeny adds, "It helps make the songs and the shows even more memorable and special for everyone. And the parents end up having as much fun as the kids!" Leeny and Tamara are also available for school and educational programs, and writing custom songs for special projects.

Leeny's debut CD, *Be Nice* (2008) by Leeny and Steve, garnered several honors including a Parents' Choice Award and a Children's Music Web Award as Best Recording for Preschoolers, and was named to the Best Music of 2008 Recommended List for Your Family from Common Sense Media. Tamara has released three albums – *Miserably Happy* (2008), *Right This Minute* (2005), and *A Little Space Left* (1998) – independently under her own name and label, and has been hailed by NY critics as "one of the best songwriters in town." The pair first met at Berklee College of Music in Boston as songwriting students in the early '90s. *Sharing the Same Stars* reunites Tamara with producer, multi-instrumentalist, and arranger Art Hays, who produced her previous two albums. Leeny lives in Gloucester, MA with her big bald husband Nick, and Tamara resides in New York City with her husband, keyboard player, producer, and composer Henry Hey.



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