

Charlotte Diamond

Celebrating 35 Years of Success in Children's Music



Charlotte Diamond lives with her family in Richmond, British Columbia, Canada. Born and raised in Vancouver, she graduated from the University of B.C. with a Bachelor of Secondary Education, majoring in Zoology and French. She took further studies in French Language at Laval University, in Quebec. Charlotte taught science, French and music at the junior high school level at New Westminster Secondary for ten years.

Charlotte has had a life-long interest in music. She sang with local folk groups, including performing intro sets for Pete Seeger and Tom Paxton. When her own children came along, she began singing and writing songs for them and also developed a preschool music program in her community. This led to performances for her children's parent-participation preschool, which mushroomed into requests for workshops, school concerts, and family shows around Vancouver and throughout British Columbia.

Charlotte formed her Hug Bug Band and proceeded with the independent production and release of 10 Carrot Diamond, which won the Canadian Juno Award in 1986. Her career turned professional and international overnight, and "10 Carrot Diamond" became a Certified Gold Record in Canada.

“Creative and fun-loving, and an optimist who believes that people working together can create a better world.”

San Jose Mercury News, CA

A frequent headliner for the Vancouver International Children's Festival, she is best known for favourites like:

- Four Hugs a Day
- I am a Pizza (Je suis une pizza, Soy una Pizza)
- Octopus (Slippery Fish)
- La Bamba
- All the Nations Like Banana
- Dicky Dinosaur

Her popular song, "Octopus (Slippery Fish)," was published in 2013 as a children's board book, titled "Slippery Fish in Hawai'i."

Charlotte is often accompanied by her son, Matt Diamond, who is launching his own career in family music. In the fall of 2015, Matt and Charlotte released their new CD, "Diamonds by the Sea," to rave reviews.



Charlotte and Matt Diamond – "Diamonds By the Sea"

Charlotte presently has fourteen recordings, including "24 Carrot Diamond – The Best of Charlotte Diamond", which features 24 of

her best-known songs, recorded over the past 25 years. She also has two nationally televised videos, and two music/resource books.

She is trilingual and has three recordings in French ("Bonjour l'hiver," "Nous sommes tous comme les fleurs," and "Qu'il y ait toujours le soleil"), and two in Spanish ("Soy una Pizza" and "Todo el Mundo Come Banana!").

In addition to winning the Juno Award for "10 Carrot Diamond," Charlotte has a string of awards, including five Parents' Choice Awards and three American Library Association Awards, to name a few. She tours throughout Canada and the United States, and has also had three concert tours to Costa Rica, on the invitation of that country's First Lady, UNICEF, and the Canadian Embassy.



The Governor General presents the Member insignia of the Order of Canada to Charlotte Diamond, C.M.

Charlotte was honoured to be appointed as a member of the Order of Canada in 2016 “for her contributions as a children’s entertainer who, through song and music, helps to develop creativity and self-expression in youth.” In addition, she was awarded the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Commemorative Medal “in recognition of her exemplary support of UNICEF,” and was also named a “Paul Harris Fellow” by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, “in

appreciation of significant assistance given to the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world.”

Following her Keynote Presentation on the value of Music Education in our schools at the BCMEA Conference in Richmond, October 2019, Charlotte was very honoured to receive the Special Distinguished Service Award from the BC Music Educators Association “In recognition of exemplary commitment, talent and leadership for music education in British Columbia.” Beside Charlotte was Evelyn Benson, who was co-director of Charlotte’s choir, the New Westminster at New Westminster Secondary 1969 – 1978. Charlotte’s focus was always inclusion. Any student who wanted to sing was welcome.

Her music, as well as being lively and singable, inspires children to care for each other and to celebrate the diversity of our cultural mosaic with songs like “Leave the World a Little Better.” Charlotte’s concerts are fun for kids, but parents and grandparents will be captivated by her music as well.

Please visit Charlotte’s website at <https://charlottediamond.com>. You can also contact her by Email at bookings@charlottediamond.com

“Family performer, Charlotte Diamond, takes young listeners around the globe and into their own imaginations.”

The San Diego Union Tribune