

Valerie Leonhart Smalkin

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Experience

The Children's Music Network – Co-President

2017 to 2022

Songs for Teaching

2015 to present

Write educational songs for www.songsforteaching.com.

St. James Academy Performing Arts Coordinator

1995 to 2015

Taught elementary and middle school general music and band, as well as coordinating performing arts programs both in school and after school.

Silly Goose & Val

1990 to Present

Working solo or with partner Pam Minor, Val has entertained and educated children in the US, Belgium, and France via songwriting, comedy, and puppetry at festivals, schools, and civic events.

Composer/Author

1987 to Present

Composed, performed, and produced 3 award-winning CDs: **A Gentle Halloween**, **Sing! Sing! Sing!...and Dance!**, and **Love Bug!**. Wrote the book **Springtime Dance**, published in 2014, that took Gold in the Moonbeam Children's Book Awards. Earlier in her career Val wrote and performed the music version of Priscilla Cummings' award winning **Chadwick the Crab** and developed **The Early Childhood Music Curriculum** with Karen Rupprecht. Most recently she co-wrote and produced **Life Beyond Sight** with blind teens at the Maryland School for the Blind

Television Producer/Writer/Performer

1995 to 2000

Val was a leading writer, producer, puppeteer and performer with John "Kinderman" Taylor's local Emmy award-winning **It's Kindertime** on ABC affiliate WMAR-TV 2, in Baltimore.

Website

www.sillygooseandval.com

Awards

Music Awards

International Song Writing Competition - Semi-Finalist	2019
Great American Song Contest – Outstanding Achievement	2019
Parents' Choice Recommended Award – <i>Love Bug!</i>	2016
Parents' Choice Approved – <i>Sing! Sing! Sing!...and Dance!</i> CD	2016
Parents' Choice Fun Stuff – <i>A Gentle Halloween</i> CD	2015

Maryland State Arts Council Awards

<u>Individual Artist</u>	2015, 2016
<u>Solo Theatrical Performance</u>	2019

Moonbeam Children's Book Award

<u>2014 Gold Medal – Books with Music – <i>Springtime Dance</i></u>	2014
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Education

Juris Doctor, U of MD School of Law, Cum Laude, Baltimore, MD	1977
Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA	1972
BA, Goucher College, Cum Laude, Baltimore, MD	1971