



Roll Play

From the creators of **This is Daniel Cook** and **This is Emily Yeung** comes a wonderful new series that gets kids up and moving and acting out stories with the **Famous People Players!**

A wonderful andall about fun....combination of Language Arts and Physical Education!

Season 1 - 13 x 16 minute episodes - 4 segments each

Season 2 - 17 x 12 minute episodes - 3 segments each

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Kids love to pretend, they love stories and they LOVE getting physical. Some of Canada's most well known authors such as Jean Little, Frank B. Edwards and John Bianchi have written stories specially for the series and some of the best Canadian songwriters have contributed songs. You will hear Great Big Sea, Prozzak, and Broken Social Scene just to name a few. A narrator narrates the stories and the Famous People Players act it out. As the puppets begin to tell a story over their signature black background, the Roll Play kids, against a wonderfully contrasting white background, mimic and become part of the same story. As we cut between the two groups we see the kids copying, responding to and creating their own version of the puppets movement and the story.

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ROLL PLAY SEASON 1

13 x 16 minute episodes - 4 segments each

Episode #1 - Alice the Elephant

Stories by Liz Haines, Song by Broken Social Scene

Alice and the Case of the Strange Hiccups: One day Alice hears hiccups, they're strange and they're coming from far away. She and Rosa set out on a mission to find them.

Boonana: Alice and Betty are having a lazy day when they spot Maurice digging secret holes. The two friends decide to go and find out what's going on.

Animalympics: All the animals are rehearsing for the Animalympics except their skills get used for something quite unexpected.

Alice the Elephant Song: Broken Social Scene sing about Alice the Elephant who likes stomping in the jungle and learning new things along the way.

Episode #2 - Bear the Polar Bear

Stories by Frank B. Edwards, Song by Jacksoul

The Surprise Party: Bear and Rosa throw a surprise party for Giga but the tables are turned when they fall asleep waiting for the guest of honour.

The Parade: On a hot, lazy afternoon, Bear heads off to watch a parade with Rosa. When they realize they are too short to see, they devise a strategy to get above the crowd.

The Camp Out: Bear leads Giga and Ruckus on a hike and campout that turns into a late night adventure with some new forest friends.

Bear the Polar Bear Song: Jacksoul sings about Bear the Polar Bear who has lots of fun at a surprise party, at a parade and on a camp out.

Episode #3 - Audrey the Octopus

Stories by Stephanie McLellen, Song by Sarah McCully

George and the Big Wind: George gets blown way off course when out sailing one day. Trying to escape a giant crab, a shark and the wind itself, George befriends Audrey who takes him back to shore.

George Saves Audrey: As a surprise, Audrey the Octopus comes to land to visit George. When low tide makes Audrey's trip back too difficult for her, George and his friends come to the rescue.

George Takes a Dive: George takes the plunge to visit Audrey underwater and discovers a magical new world.

Audrey the Octopus Song: Sarah McCully sings about Audrey the Octopus and all her seawater adventures!

Episode #4 - Charlotte the Squirrel

Story #1 by Sarah Ellis, Stories #2 and 3 by Carole Tremblay, Song by Malajube

Charlotte Squirrel Finds a Snack: Hungry for a snack,

Charlotte searches for a nut she buried last fall. On her nutty quest, she finds much more than she bargained for!

It's Spring Time Bear!: It's springtime in the forest and Bear is still sleeping. Charlotte and Jacko decide it's time to get him up. How will the two friends find a way to wake up mister bear?

A Nest in the Storm: The wind carries Jacko's new nest through the forest and to the bottom pond. With the help of his good friends Charlotte and Chloe, Jacko builds a new home.

Charlotte the Squirrel Song: Malajube sings about Charlotte the Squirrel and how she searches for fun and adventure in the forest.

Episode #5 - Egbert the Lovebird

Stories by Sharon Jennings, Song by Jully Black

Egbert Learns to Fly: Egbert is anxious to learn how to fly and leaves the nest without waiting for his mama. On the ground, he meets a snake, a squirrel, and a cat. Guess who can teach him how to fly?

Egbert's Surprise: Egbert wants to play, but no one wants to play with him! Why are all of his friends running away? You'll be just as surprised as Egbert!

Egbert and the Crocodile: Egbert hears someone crying and goes off with Ming Flamingo to investigate. They discover that Betty the Crocodile has a toothache. Egbert and Ming to the rescue!

Egbert the Lovebird Song: Jully Black sings about Egbert the Lovebird who learns how to fly, gets a big surprise and even helps a crocodile!

Episode #6 - Felix the Frog

Stories by Melanie Watts,

Song by Patrick Pentland of Sloan

Big Splash: Felix is a star with his famous act: "THE BIG SPLASH". But one day, a bigger talent joins his show and Felix discovers that sharing the spotlight can be a rewarding thing.

Frog Legs: Felix the Frog is swimming alone in the pond. He bumps into Big Henri, Tom the Turtle and even Betty Crocodile. Will they all get along?

Hop and Seek: While playing a game of hop and seek with Big Henri, Felix hears a very strange noise coming from inside a tree. What animal could this be?

Felix the Frog Song: Patrick Pentland of Sloan sings about Felix the Frog. Felix has lots of fun playing with all his friends at the pond.

Episode #7 - Frank the Crab

Stories by J.J. Johnson, Song by Andy Stochansky

Crab I Used to Be: Tired of hiding in his shell, Frank the Crab confronts his worst fear Chuck, the great white shark, and comes to realize that sometimes your worst enemy can become your best friend.

50 Leagues Under the Sea: Frank and Chuck are exploring the ocean when they come upon a mysterious object, will Frank be brave enough to investigate?

The Tortoise and the Crab: Now completely out of his shell, Frank and his friends enter an under the sea relay race and learns that teamwork is the best way to get through a challenge.

Frank the Crab Song: Andy Stochansky sings about Frank the Crab who comes out of his shell and makes lots of new friends!

Episode #8 - Chloe the Chicken

Stories by Elaine Arsenault, Song by Prozzak

Chloe and Horatio: Horatio the Penguin is looking for a new friend. He meets Chloe the Chicken. They share something in common and it helps to make them fast friends.

Chloe and the Kite: Chloe is determined to fly a kite even though there is no wind. George the Mouse is more than eager to help.

Chloe and the Snowcat: Chloe wakes up to snow. She wants to learn how to make a snowman but Sue has other ideas.

Chloe the Chicken Song: Prozzak sings about Chloe the Chicken who likes to discover new things. She meets a penguin, flies a kite and makes a snowman!

Episode #9 - Ruckus the Dog

Stories by John Bianchi, Song by Kardinal Offishall

The Too Bright Moon: One night the moon is so bright. Ruckus finds his friends cannot sleep so he invents a novel solution to help them.

The Secret Life of (Shaggy) Dogs: Ruckus lets Henri the Frog in on his secret to an active night life.

Ruckus Loves the Chase: While playing a game of chase with his friends, Ruckus runs into a BIG problem.

Ruckus the Dog: Kardinal Offishall sings all about Ruckus the Dog. Ruckus howls at the moon, likes to take naps but is always up for a chase.

Episode #10 - Horatio the Penguin

Stories by Ned Dickens, Song by Great Big Sea

Teeth: Horatio is teaching his daughter to swim. They attract the attention of Chuck, a lonely shark. Is he friend or foe?

Neck: Horatio and Penelope find themselves in a curious comic dance as they come upon a strange creature with a very long neck.

Getting Warmer: Horatio misplaces the egg he is watching over. With Oscar as a spotter and Sophia as a tracker, they search high and low to find it.

Horatio the Penguin Song: Great Big Sea sing about the curious adventures of Horatio the Penguin.

Episode #11 - Giga the Gigantosaurus

Stories by Johanne Mercier, Song by Jodie Resther

Giga's Egg: Giga thought he was the only dinosaur in the area but finds out there is a triceratops egg! Full of hope, he searches for the egg with his friend Felix.

Don't Wake up the Sleeping Dino!: On their way to a show premier, the animals encounter a Giganotosaurus asleep in the middle of the road! Will each animal find a way around the dinosaur without waking him up?

What's Making the Dinosaur Tremble?: Felix the Frog organizes a great race in the countryside. Giga the Giganotosaurus and Patrick the Triceratops take part. But right in the middle of the race Giga stops in his tracks and won't go any further. What is making Giga tremble with fear?

Giga the Dinosaur Song: Jodie Resther sings about Giga the Gigantosaurus and how this dinosaur likes to jump and play!

Episode #12 - Snake and Lancelot the Lion

Stories #1-3 by Ned Dickens, Story #4 by Jean Little

Looking Up: Lying on the forest floor, Snake glances up and sees a tantalizing flash. She climbs towards it up a tree and meets friends and adventure along the way.

How to Say Play: A lonely Audrey the Octopus remembers playing on the beach with Alice. Snake decides to fetch Alice and travels all the way through the jungle to bring her back to the beach.

Getting the Jump: Joey the Baby Kangaroo struggles to learn how to jump. With some help from his friends, Joey learns something more important to try, try and try again!

Royal Friends: Maurice, a very cheeky monkey, loves to make others laugh but when the King of the Jungle, Lancelot the Lion, gets hurt, will Maurice be able to help?

Episode #13 - Special Days with Special Friends

A Water Play Day - Story by Robert Heidbreder:

Strummer the Raccoon searches for water for a morning swim. With a little help from Oscar, Strummer finds enough water for a whole day of fun water play.

What a Tangled Web we Weave -

Story by J.J. Johnson and Liz Haines: Giga the Dinosaur is out for a morning stroll and Bill the Spider is busily repairing his web. Suddenly a pesky bee turns the peaceful morning into crazy chaos.

Halloween - Story by Sheri Radford: Ming the Flamingo wants to be a cat for Halloween, so Sue the Cat agrees to teach her. But it looks like Sue might be in over her head when Ming proves to be a less-than-apt pupil.

The New Year's Eve Celebration -

Story by Frank B. Edwards: Stanley the Giraffe is invited to Turtle's New Year Gala party and can't decide on a gift. In the end, Stanley's special gift brings the party to life.

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ROLL PLAY SEASON 2

17 x 12 minute episodes - 3 segments each

Episode #1 - Albert the Ant

Stories by Stephanie McLellen, song by Anik Jean

Albert and the Monsters: Albert sneaks up on his friend Gus and the two have a contest to see who can be the scariest monster. But the joke's on Albert when Gladys sneaks up on him with the scariest monster face of all!

Albert Gets Ready for Winter: When Albert's friends are worried that he won't have enough food to last through the winter, they hatch a plan and cleverly trick him into stocking up.

Albert's Winter: Anik Jean sings about Albert the Ant and how his clever friends got him to store up food for the winter.

Episode #2 - Louie the Loon

Stories by Liz Haines, song by the Barenaked Ladies

Bal-loon: A very shy Louie the Loon manages to make friends with a moose, a beaver and a blue jay, over a fun game of bal-loon.

Loon and Tick: Louie the Loon attracts quite the audience when a strange tickle interrupts his loon song, causing him to dance and flap about wildly; a very funny sight from a very shy bird.

Louie the Loon: Barenaked Ladies sing about shy Louie the Loon and his quest to make friends.

Episode #3 - Arjun the Beaver

Stories by Melanie Watt, song by Antoine Gratton.

Arjun Builds a Dam: Arjun the Beaver is excited to build his very first dam. But he quickly learns that any job is a lot easier (and way more fun) when you have a few friends to help you out.

Arjun's Big Storm: Arjun the Beaver offers his dam as shelter to a few animals caught in a storm, but his place is far too small and eventually explodes! Luckily, his new friends happen to be very skilled in dam-building.

Arjun the Beaver: Sing a song about Arjun the Beaver and how he tries to squeeze too many friends into his damn and out of the rain.

Episode #3 - Bobby the Bird of Paradise

Stories by J.J. Johnson, song by Keshia Chantel and James Bryan McCollum

Birds of a Feather: Bobby the Bird of Paradise likes to perform a crazy morning dance and he wonders what kind of dancing the other birds like to do. So he heads off to visit a few friends and learn a few new moves, because as it turns out, birds of feather really like to dance together.

Never Judge a Sloth by its Cover: Bobby the Bird of Paradise is looking for a dance partner, but he doesn't think that Carol the Sloth could possibly keep up - she's so slow! But after auditioning a cheetah and an elephant, Bobby realizes that he might have been too quick to judge.

Birds of a Feather: Keshia Chante and James Bryan McCollum sing about Bobby the Bird of Paradise, who comes to realize that birds of a feather like to dance together.

Episode #5 - Lola the Mermaid

Stories by Stephanie McLellan, song by Les Breastfeeders

Lola and Ug: While splashing about in the ocean, Carl the Magic Dragon accidentally turns Lola the Mermaid into a caveman! Lola's friends work together to coax her back into the water so Carl can un-do the magic spell.

Lola and the Bracelet: While showing off her brand new bracelet, Lola the Mermaid accidentally drops her trinket and it falls to the bottom of the ocean. But with a little help from her friends, Lola gets the bracelet back and decides that things are way better when they're shared.

Lola the Mermaid: Les Breastfeeders sing about Lola the Mermaid, who lost her bracelet in the ocean deep and found it again with the help of her friends, deciding that all things are better when shared.

Episode #6 - Lucy the Woodpecker

Stories by Adora Svitak, song by Nicolas Latendresse, Agnes Gabrielle Hervieux, and Hantz Lalanne.

Lucy Finds a New Home: When a forest fire forces Lucy the Woodpecker to find a new home, she goes on an adventure in search of the perfect tree. Lucy meets a lot of new animals along the way, but decides that Ana the Howler Monkey would make the perfect new neighbour.

Home SS-Sweet Home: Lucy and Ana go looking for a new tree - one that has lots of bugs for Lucy to eat. But when they finally find the perfect tree, it turns out to be the home of a slithery snake! Luckily, Snake isn't nearly as ss-scary as he ss-seems.

Lucy le pic bois: Dance and sing along to a French song about Lucy the Woodpecker and her search for a new home as she happily finds herself a great tree and an even better neighbour.



Episode #7 - Michelle the Hammerhead

Stories by Geordie Telfer, song by Sunshine State.

Jump for Joy: Michelle the Hammerhead Shark likes being the best jumper in the ocean and she shows off to the other creatures in the sea - leaping high above the waves. But when Chuck the Shark proves that he's an even better jumper, Michelle comes to realize that everyone has their own special talents and that being the best isn't all that important.

Look Different: Michelle the Hammerhead Shark becomes self-conscious of her googly eyes after a few of the other sea creatures laugh at them. But after seeing all of the wonderful ways in which her friends are different, Michelle learns that our differences are part of what makes us all special and unique.

Michelle Hammerhead: Sing a song about Michelle the Hammerhead Shark, who learns that we should celebrate our differences - even having eyes that are far apart. Being different is fun!

Episode #8 - Jacques the Robot

Stories by J.J. Johnson, song by Randy Backman.

Pirates of the Amphibian: Sheila the Pirate is very lonely without her parrot, so she goes off in search of a new shoulder friend. After frightening off a few animals, Sheila is even lonelier - that is until she receives an unusual offer from a Robot named Jacques.

Dance the Plank: Passing the time away on their boat, Sheila and Jacques have lots of fun teaching each other how to dance. Jacques teach Sheila ballet and Sheila teaches Jacques how to 'dance the plank'.

Do the Robot: Randy Bachman sings about dancing, Jacques the Robot style!

Episode #9 - Stanley the Skunk

Stories by Liz Haines, song by 5440.

On the Defense: Stanley the Skunk and his friends all practice their defensive moves against big scary predators. In fact, they get so good at it that they scare off the biggest, scariest predator of all: a dinosaur.

A Show of Defense: Stanley the Skunk, Darryl the Opossum and Zyna the Hedgehog all decide to try out each other's defensive maneuvers, but just can't seem to get it right. Luckily, when a dinosaur comes stomping by, they manage to frighten it away without any maneuvers at all.

Stanley the Skunk: Sing a song about a crocodile, a hedgehog, a dinosaur and a skunk! Can you guess which one sprays the really bad smell?

Episode #10 - Shelley the Tortoise

Stories by Geordie Telfer, song by Tal Bachman.

Shelley's Slow Adventure: One sunny, spring morning Shelley the Tortoise decides to go for an adventurous crawl with a few of her friends, but she goes at a much slower pace than they do. Lucky for Shelley because she winds up seeing many exciting things along the way and she teaches her friends a valuable lesson: sometimes, it's more fun to take your time.

Stuck in the Mud: One muddy afternoon, Shelley the Tortoise slips and finds herself stuck on her back. Three of her friends try to help, but it's not until they all work together as a team that they're able to solve the problem and put Shelley back on her feet.

Shelley's Song: Tal Bachman sings about Shelley the Tortoise, who goes on an adventure at her own pace and sees many exciting things along the way. Sometimes it's more fun to take your time.

Episode #11 - Manny the Tasmanian Devil

Stories by Frank B. Edwards,
song by Bedouin Sound Clash.

Temper, Temper: During a game of tug-of-war, Manny the Tasmanian Devil winds up in a mud puddle, which Manny doesn't like very much. He throws such a temper tantrum that he attracts the attention of a crowd of animals, all of whom have different ways of coping with anger. Manny learns that dancing is a whole lot better than throwing tantrums.

Where's My Lunch?: Manny the Tasmanian Devil is really hungry, but he can't find his lunch. He tries to share the lunches of some of the other animals in the forest, but to no avail - he needs to find his own. Luckily, George the Mouse is really good at sniffing out food.

Manny the Tasmanian Devil: Bedouin Sound Clash sing about Manny the Tasmanian Devil, his oversized temper tantrums and how he learned to dance instead.

Episode #12 - Sam the Pterodactyl

Stories by Frank B. Edwards, song by Holly McNarland.

Sam Learns to Fly: Sam the Pterodactyl is having trouble learning to walk and takes lessons from a few of the animals in the forest, but nothing seems to be working. Just then, along comes Dinger the Hummingbird and he shows Sam that flying is much more his style.

Sam and the Flying Club: While practicing his flying skills, Dinger invites Sam the Pterodactyl to join his flying club. Rosa the Rabbit overhears and wants to join, but sadly, she can't fly. Not wanting his friend to miss out on the fun, Sam comes up with an idea.

Sam the Pterodactyl: Sing a song about Sam the Pterodactyl as he gets a little help from his friends and finally learns how to fly.

Episode #13 - Laura and Marvin the Meerkats

Stories by Matt Burke, song by Sam Roberts.

Coral the Zebra and the Meerkats from the Kalahari:

One lazy afternoon, Laura and Marvin Meerkats are alarmed when Stanley and Maurice tell them of two scary monsters on top of the sand dune: one white with black stripes and the other black with white strips. The siblings brave the dune to see the monster for themselves, but wind up having a good laugh instead.

Meerkat See, Meerkat Do: A friendly game of Copycat between Laura and Marvin Meerkat quickly catches on. Eventually they have an elephant, monkey and zebra all rolling around on the ground with laughter.

Meerkats: Sam Roberts sings about Marvin and Laura Meerkat, who bravely travel to the top of a dune to confront two monsters, but find one confused zebra instead.

Episode #14 - Frances the Pig

Stories by Liz Haines, song by TC3.

The New Arrival: One lazy afternoon, Frances the Pig notices a strange new bird with very long legs at the farm. But the strangest thing of all is the way she falls to the ground every time a new animal comes along - which happens quite often on a farm!

Mud Fight: On a particularly hot day at the farm, Frances the Pig is looking for a way to cool down and so are the other animals. Frances takes them all on a journey to her favorite spot that offers up cool fun - even if it is a little dirty.

Messin' Around: TC3 sings about Francis the Pig, who introduces her friends to the fun you can have in the mud - especially on a hot day.

Episode #15 - Liz and Zil the Centipedes

Stories by J.J. Johnson, song by Dolores O'Riordan.

Opposites Attract: The Centipede Sisters, Liz and Zil, like to be complete opposites at everything they do. This poses a hide-and-seek problem for Greg the Pill Pug when he wants to seek and they both have to hide.

Praying Mantis Says Roll Play!: The Centipede Sisters want to play 'Praying Mantis Says' with Diego, but they always have to do the opposite from each other; that doesn't work very well for the game. Diego will have to be pretty clever in order to get the sisters to play properly.

Centipede Sisters: Sing a song about the Centipede Sisters and their quest to always be exact opposites from each other. Opposites attract!

Episode #16 - Cameron the Chameleon

Stories by Melanie Watt, song by Mark Holmes.

Cameron Catches a Snack: Cameron the Chameleon is lazing about on a branch, when his stomach makes a loud grumbling sound - he's hungry. Cameron goes in search of a snack, but quickly realizes that vegetables are a whole lot easier (and tastier) to eat than other forest creatures.

Cameron Cha Cha Chas: In an effort to cheer himself up, Cameron does a little cha cha cha dance, but quickly becomes embarrassed when he sees nearby animals watching him and dancing along. Each animal has their own unique way of dancing and Cameron winds up learning a few new moves.

Cameron the Chameleon: Mark Holmes from Platinum Blonde sings about Cameron the Chameleon and his search to find a few new friends that are just like him.

Episode #17 - Tabitha the Cricket

Stories by Daniel Palmer, song by Saukrates.

The Morning Band: No one likes to make noise more than Tabitha the Cricket - or so Tabitha thought. Once Tabitha sees that her forest friends also like making noise in the mornings, she starts up The Morning Band and everyone is eager to join in.

Tabitha and her New Noise: As Oscar the Owl is trying to sleep, he asks Tabitha if she could find a quieter noise to make; Tabitha sets out on a mission to do just that and gathers a few friends along the way. The group grows so large that Oscar is again woken up, but the new sounds Tabitha found are just what he needs to get back to sleep.

Tabitha the Cricket: Saukrates sings about Tabitha the Cricket and her quest to find a quieter noise that won't wake up Oscar the Owl.

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