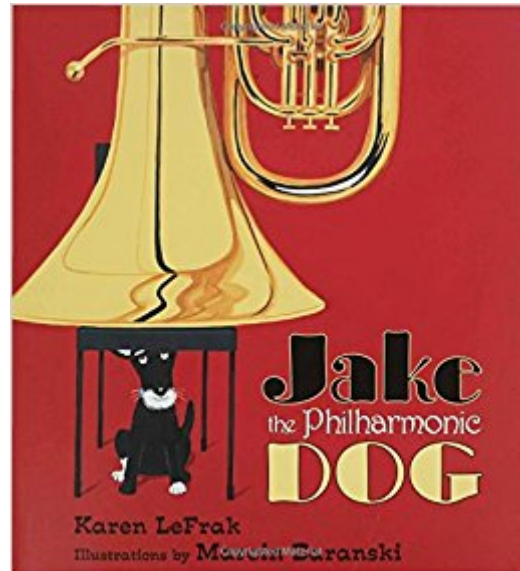


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# Jake The Philharmonic Dog



## Synopsis

Like most dogs, Jake loves playing fetch. Unlike most dogs, Jake loves music even more. He loves to wag his tail to the beat of an ordinary day and "sing" with the birds. When his friend Richie, the principal stagehand at the Philharmonic, brings Jake to work one day, Jake is treated to a lesson in real music. He "woofs!" to the tweeting woodwinds and "ruffs!" to the deep horns, but when he hears the entire symphony orchestra practice, he knows to be quiet and listen. And when a crisis develops at that night's performance, Jake steps onstage and steals the show.

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 1-2  
Jake, canine friend to Richie, the principal stagehand of the Philharmonic Orchestra, answers the birds, the cars, and the clap of thunder with a distinct bark, a wagging tail, or flattened ears and a whine. Jake simply loves sound. His first trip to Richies workplace confounds him as he confuses car horns with the brass section and the rumble of thunder with the boom of the percussion section. It also results in his false identification of the conductors wand as a new toy and eventual duty as principal stagepaw. LeFrak introduces musical terms within the story, including identification of the instruments. Illustrations, done in acrylic and tempera paint, frame the account of the pups activities. This straightforward, predictable story will appeal to dog lovers and may serve as a painless introduction to the orchestra as well. Pair it with Alan Madisons Pecorinos First Concert (S & S, 2005) or Lloyd Mosss eye-catching Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin (S & S,

1995).  
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“More Bach than bark! This is a wonderful read for dog lovers, music lovers, and any child who loves a good story. Jake is certain to win Best in Show.”  
Itzhak Perlman, world-renowned violinist  
“This is a sheer delight. The world needs lots of Jakes. It’s a must for kids of all ages, and a great introduction to the magical world of the orchestra.”  
Beverly Sills, American opera singer and international opera star  
“I have met Jake backstage at the Philharmonic, and he is a friendly dog with heroic qualities, like Snoopy, Toto, Nana, and Old Yeller, worthy of a book. Life at a great orchestra is much more fun with a good dog nearby.”  
Garrison Keillor, author and host of A Prairie Home Companion  
“Karen LeFrak has written an enchanting story for children that is also an outstanding introduction to the world of the orchestra.”  
Lorin Maazel, Music Director of the New York Philharmonic

It’s a charming book for teaching about the orchestra, particularly for a child who likes animals.

This is the perfect gift for my grandson who plays the french horn and will be a music major in college. I hope he passes it on to his children.

The story was cute, and I would have like to had the book, but the page colors are dark ink and have a horrible smell. Each book comes with tracking across the cover. This is a really sweet story and I would rate it highly if it were not for these problems.

LaFrak has done a wonderful job making Jake the Philharmonic dog an entertaining and educational story. The story is inspired by the REAL mascot of the New York Philharmonic! Through Jake’s adventures, we get a great introduction to a number of different instruments in the orchestra. My kids all thoroughly enjoyed the book. We also loved her Jake and the Ballet Dog.

The book Jake the Philharmonic Dog, in my opinion, could be about a real dog and a real band. I really think that Jake the Dog is sweet. It seems that he really doesn’t like thunder, but he likes dog biscuits. I think his owner is really nice to him -- that’s why I like this book!

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