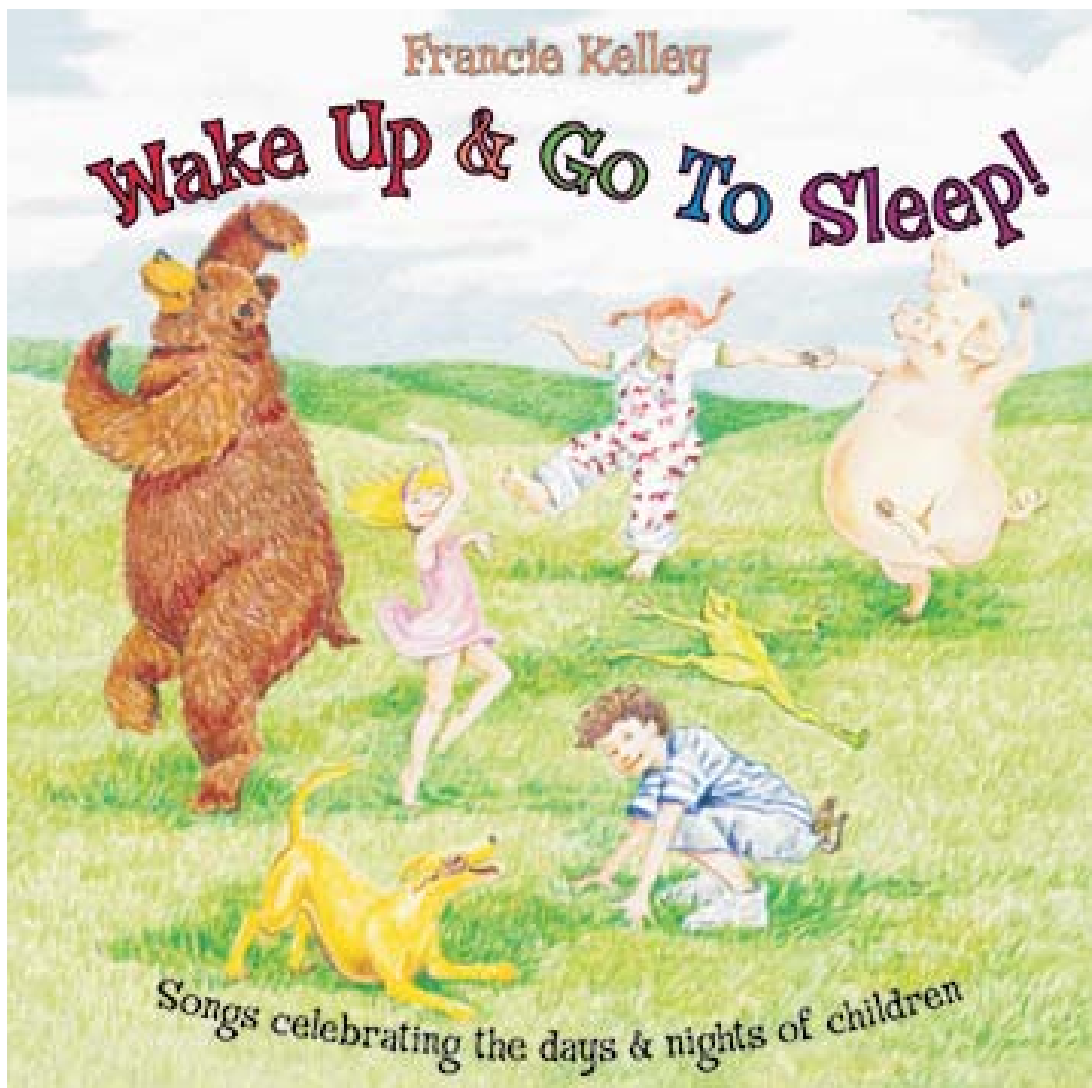


# Press Package for Wake Up & Go To Sleep By Francie Kelley

Cover Letter  
Press Release  
800 Work CD Review/Profile Article  
Francie Kelley Bio  
Pat Kelley Bio  
Reviews



Please find enclosed a copy of Artsong Music (Kids) most recent release, “Wake Up and Go to Sleep,” by Los Angeles artist Francie Kelley.

Francie Kelley is an accomplished singer-songwriter, guitarist and pianist, with an extensive background in television and musical theater. Francie’s first recording for children features nine original compositions, in an album of twelve songs that celebrate the days and nights of babies and young children.

“Wake Up and Go to Sleep” has already been awarded a **2004 National Parenting Publication Honors Award (NAPPA)**, a **2003 Parents' Choice Recommendation**, and has earned the **Dove Foundation Seal of Approval**. The CD is receiving rave reviews not only from children, but also from adult listeners who recognize the outstanding musical professionalism and unusually high production values of this family-audience recording.

Please find also enclosed a collection of background materials about the CD, including reviews, and profiles of the artists who have contributed to the recording. May I bring to your particular attention the following ready-made component that you may find useful in your publication:

- A pre-edited, **full-length review/profile article**, “Family Fun, Fine Music” of approximately 800 words, by freelance writer Liz Mayer
- A pre-edited, **short version review/media release**, “Sun-Up to Sun-Down CD Appeals to Childhood Energies and Adult Ears,” approximately 350 words, also by freelance writer Liz Mayer

Please feel free to use any or all of these materials in your publication. If you require additional information, or wish to contact Artsong Music or Francie Kelley directly, please call 1.866.409.8026 or email at [francie@franciekelley.com](mailto:francie@franciekelley.com).



## **“Wake Up and Go To Sleep” by Francie Kelley Sun-Up to Sun-Down CD Appeals to Childhood Energies and Adult Ears**

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**Los Angeles** - Light-hearted fun, lasting devotion and uncommonly fine music are the hallmarks of the family CD, “Wake Up and Go To Sleep,” by Los Angeles singer/songwriter Francie Kelley.

Produced by Artsong Music in collaboration with Francie’s husband Pat Kelley, a top Los Angeles jazz guitarist, studio musician and composer, “Wake Up and Go To Sleep” is a happy, heartfelt collection of songs that celebrate the days and nights of children - with a polished sophistication and finely-tuned professionalism that will please the most discriminating adult listeners.

Recipient of a 2004 National Parenting Publication Award (NAPPA), recommended by Parents’ Choice and recipient of a Dove Foundation Seal of Approval, “Wake Up and Go To Sleep” features a buoyant, upbeat opening, lively and lyrical middle tracks, and a slow-paced, sleepyhead conclusion. The Cd’s varied pace reflects the rhythms and rituals of babies and young children as they move through their day, providing a sun-up to sun-down accompaniment to daytime, playtime and bedtime. Many of the recording’s songs are original compositions, including “Precious One,” “Jammin’ in My Jammies” and “Babies Won’t Keep,” by Francie Kelley, and “Ce Ce Te Na Na (Have a Great Day)” by Francie Kelley, Pat Kelley and Katie Kelley.

Inspired by the tidal wave of emotion that poured over Francie and her husband Pat when their daughter Katie was born, “Wake Up and Go To Sleep” offers an unusual combination of tenderness and talent.

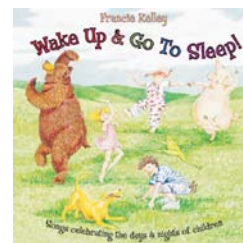
The Kelleys have drawn on their wide musical expertise to give the CD a level of styling and arrangement rarely found in children’s recordings. They have also backed up Francie’s vocals and Pat’s seasoned instrumentals with contributions from some of L.A.’s hottest session players. Occasional “kid vocals” by young Katie Kelley and a captivating chorus by the Emmanuel Lutheran Kids’ Choir add a warmth and wholeness that reflects the Cd’s message of family love and devotion.

“Wake Up and Go To Sleep” is a delightfully arranged, deftly performed family CD that will encourage parents and children to share the magic of music during the precious years of young childhood.

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“Wake Up and Go To Sleep,” by Francie Kelley, 42.00 minutes, recorded and mixed by Pat Kelley at Artsong Music Studio, Los Angeles, California  
Francie Kelley, vocals; Pat Kelley, vocals, electric & acoustic guitars, mandolin, banjo, dobro, bass, drums and percussion; Katie Kelley, kid vocals;  
original CD illustrations by Kit Colman.

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## “Wake Up and Go to Sleep” by Francie Kelley

### Family Fun, Fine Music

What do you get when you cross a savvy, seasoned soprano with a bottomless, boundless mother’s love? What happens when you combine musical mastery, sophisticated styling and polished performance with the sweet, simple joy of being a father?

The answer is Los Angeles singer-songwriter Francie Kelley’s “Wake Up and Go to Sleep,” a gifted, superbly-produced family song collection that overflows with tenderness and talent. With a buoyant, upbeat opening, lively and lyrical middle tracks, and a slow-paced, sleepyhead conclusion, “Wake Up and Go to Sleep,” produced by Artsong Music, is a musical celebration of the days and nights of children.

Inspired by the tidal wave of emotion that poured over Francie and her guitarist husband Pat Kelley when their daughter Katie was born, this recording, recipient of a 2004 National Parenting Publications Award (NAPPA) and recommended by Parents’ Choice 2003, is the finely-crafted product of musicians in love—with their child, their music, and one another.

The result is a rich, radiant family CD that fuses the innocence and preciousness of childhood with unprecedented musical professionalism.

The CD's twelve songs—including nine original compositions—are delightfully arranged and deftly performed. The class that jumps to its feet with the recording's jubilant daybreak anthem, "Ce Ce Te Na Na (Have a Great Day), or the toddlers who play pots-and-pans percussion to the lively "Jammin' in My Jammies," will care only that these are songs of childhood joy and exuberance. But their parents, caregivers and teachers will recognize artful stylings and agile arrangements, delivered with confidence and skill.

Babies who are rocked to sleep to the sounds of the "Sleepyhead Song," or the "Song of Life," will respond only to the peacefulness of the soothing melodies, but the grown-ups who pat their backs and draw up their covers will notice the fine voices, smooth phrasing, and rich harmonies that give the lullabies an added depth and beauty.

With lead vocals by Francie Kelley, whose most recent public performance was with Barbra Streisand in a 100 voice choir, and lead instrumentals by Pat Kelley, who recently joined Natalie Cole's International Tour, "Wake Up and Go to Sleep" is a family CD with impeccable musical credentials.

As veteran singers, songwriters and music industry insiders, Francie and Pat have brought all of their talent and experience to this recording. They've also brought some of L.A.'s hottest session players, adding back-up keyboards, saxophone, harmonica, vibes, percussion, bass, and drums to the CD's sophisticated arrangements.

Boasting liner-note credits that read like the roster of a musical dream team, "Wake Up and Go to

Sleep” is the result of Francie’s extensive background as a versatile singer/songwriter, guitarist and pianist, theatrical performer and television actress, and of Pat’s career as a jazz guitar recording artist, international live performer, studio musician, composer, producer, engineer and full-time professor in the Studio/Jazz Guitar Department of the University of Southern California.

But for devoted, child-first parents Francie and Pat, top-drawer musical talent and well-honed technique are not the most important elements of this collaborative project. The CD’s songs, says Francie, are an opportunity for parents and children to explore music together, and a gentle, but poignant reminder that time with children is short:

“So rock them, hold them/Sing them to sleep/Love them each moment/And remember babies won’t keep.”

For Francie Kelley, the wondrous but transitory nature of childhood has come as something of a revelation, just as motherhood came as something of a shock.

“I was an actress, a singer, and businesswoman,” says Francie. “I didn’t think I ever wanted to be a mom...too scary! But after our daughter’s birth, I was filled with an enormous joy and richness. Being a parent suddenly became the most important thing in the world to do well. Katie inspired this album of songs, and led me to discover my authentic voice. I discovered that children are the song of my life.”

Francie’s latter-day life-songs are laced with love and laughter, and anchored by a reassuring undertone of security and safekeeping. “Mommy’s here/and Daddy too.” “Mommy come and play with me/Daddy

hold my hand...” “I love to rock you in my arms/watch you sleep at night.”

Along with her husband Pat, and with the occasional help of daughter Katie, now nine, Francie’s “Wake Up and Go to Sleep” vocals wrap a warm, protective blanket around little listeners, even as she sends them off to “dance among the fairies,” “ride the range all day,” and dive, gleefully, into the “clear blue water.”

“If you listen very closely...” sings the Emmanuel Lutheran Kids’ Choir in the chorus of the CD’s second track, “Then you’ll hear a choir of angels, children singing in your heart.” For Francie Kelley, and her choir of family and friends, “Wake Up and Go to Sleep” is a happy, heartfelt recording, filled with love and brimming with talent—a sun-up to sun-down CD that has all the hallmarks of a treasured family favorite.

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## **Francie Kelley, singer/songwriter**

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**Francie Kelley** has an extensive background in television and musical theater. She is an accomplished singer/songwriter, guitarist and pianist, and has acted in numerous television commercials as well as a children's television series called "Camp Wilderness" (for which she also wrote and sang original tunes.)

Francie worked at Marine World/Africa USA in Foster City, California, where she played guitar and performed original material written especially for the Ecology Theater. She also became an animal handler, working with everything from hawks to cheetahs.

More recently, Francie performed with Barbra Streisand in a one hundred-voice choir in Los Angeles.

Francie is also the owner of a successful Los Angeles Art-Consulting firm, Paragone Gallery. The Gallery provides art consulting services to corporate, entertainment and hotel clients as well as private collectors.

In 2003, Francie released her first CD, "Wake Up and Go to Sleep," a collection of twelve family songs featuring nine original compositions. "Wake Up and Go to Sleep," produced by Artsong Music, won a 2004 National Parenting Publication Honors Award (NAPPA), a 2003 Parents' Choice Recommendation, and has earned the Dove Foundation Seal of Approval.

Francie is married to Pat Kelley, a top Los Angeles guitarist and producer. Francie and Pat have one daughter, Katie



## **Pat Kelley, Jazz Guitarist/Composer/Producer**

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**Pat Kelley** has recorded eight CDs as a leader, toured more than thirty countries as a performer, worked as a Los Angeles studio guitarist on hundreds of sessions for records, television, commercials and motion pictures, and composed more than one hundred songs that have been commercially recorded.

Pat has performed with George Benson, Tom Scott, David Benoit, Dave Brubeck, John Pisano, Herb Ellis, Rick Braun, Jeff Lorber, Richard Elliot, Dave Koz, Al Jarreau, Gregg Karukas, Bill Cantos, Keiki Matsui, Nickel Creek, B. B. King, Ronnie Laws, Hubert Laws, Jose Feliciano, Eric Marienthal, Olivia Newton John, Stix Hooper, Randy Crawford, Melissa Manchester, and Burt Bacharach.

Pat joined Natalie Cole's International tour in 2004.

Pat was the house guitarist for several years on the Merv Griffin, Pat Sajak, Joan Rivers, and Carol Burnett television shows. He has also performed with symphony orchestras in San Francisco, San Diego, Houston, Atlanta, Tulsa, Denver, San Antonio, and Toledo.

In June of 2003, Pat was honored in his hometown of Tulsa and his home state of Oklahoma by being inducted into the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame. Pat joined the ranks of past inductees such as Charlie Christian, Chet Baker, Barney Kessel, Oscar Pettiford, Dave Brubeck and Lester Young.

Pat is also an active music producer and engineer. He is the founder of the Artsong Music CD label. "Wake Up and Go to Sleep," a family CD produced in collaboration with Francie Kelley, is the label's most recent release.

Pat holds a full-time teaching position in the Studio/Jazz Guitar Department at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Pat is married to singer/songwriter Francie Kelley, and is the father of one daughter, Katie.

# Reviews

*"A perfect blend of tender, whimsical, and funny"*

**Lisa Marsoli, Best-selling children's book author & editor**

*"Francie Kelley has created an outlet for the inexplicable emotions and feelings that all moms feel, without being trite or over the top."*

**Debby Barri, Financial Consultant**

*"The love and childlike wonder that Francie Kelley possesses in life she totally captures in 'Wake Up & Go To Sleep.'"*

**Allan Rich, Two-time Oscar, Grammy & Golden Globe Nominated  
Songwriter**

*"A delightful collection of enchanting songs which all bear the stamp of wonder, joy and ceaseless happiness. It will have your family singing together while making forays into the kitchen for make-shift instruments."*

**Chuck Pendergast, Risk Press**

*"Each song puts a sense of fun and brings a calming influence into the classroom. 'Wake Up & Go to Sleep' would enhance any early childhood classroom's music collection!"*

**Corinne Muramatsu (M.A. Curriculum & Instruction)  
Director; Laurel Hall Early Childhood Center, Los Angeles**

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