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Left: Current DJ Steve Seel read a story to kids at last year's Rock the Cradle. Above: Kevin Beacham taught a future DJ how to scratch.

The Current rocks the cradle

If you know a kid who wants to be a rock star, we have just the gig for you. For a second year, the Current (89.3 FM) will present **Rock the Cradle**, a family celebration of music, art and creativity. Last year's event at the Children's Theatre drew almost 2,000 people; this year, the party will spread throughout the campus that the theater shares with the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. It's geared for ages 2-8. There will be a kid disco, live music, sing-alongs, face-painting, instrument-making and opportunities for kids

to practice being a DJ, with a real radio soundboard and equipment for scratching and fading. Look also for a "musical petting zoo" from MacPhail School of Music, hip-hop dance lessons from the YWCA and several art activities and art carts from the Art Institute. Current DJs **Steve Seel, Mark Wheat, Barb Abney, Dale Connelly** and **Jim Ed Poole** will read from their favorite books. (11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun., 2400 3rd Av. S., Mpls. Free. 651-290-1212.)

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