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# Parents and kids enjoy music, life lessons

MAPLEWOOD (AP) – Parents will likely recognize several songs on the first release from MusicTALKING, a new label offering compilation CDs for families with children in the 'tween' ages, defined as ages 6 through 11. The CD, "MusicTALKING About Goals & Values" includes Aretha Franklin's "Respect" and Bing Crosby's "Swinging On A Star" together with 11 other original recordings of songs about ambition, character and family.

"MusicTALKING solves parents' dilemma in the musically-challenging pre-teen years," said creator Clyde Otis III, CEO of

Laughing Owl Music and Media LLC, parent company of MusicTALKING. He adds, "What's available is either too juvenile, too mature, too violent or too offensive."

"Parents need as many opportunities as possible to talk to kids about important character development and social issues. MusicTalking provides that in the form of good entertainment," said Dr. Duane Dyson, MD, FAAEM, Violence Prevention Institute. Planned future releases will have themes such as Friends & Relationships, Conflicts & Concerns, and Real Life.

"The guide helps parents find ways to 'hook' their child into enjoying the music and then reel them in to light conversation. With music you can talk about family values without sounding preachy or heavy-handed," states Otis.

While the CD is currently only available on their Web site for \$19.95, Laughing Owl is offering substantial discounts for children's organizations to use the CDs as fundraisers such as PTAs, Girl and Boy Scouts among others.

For information on this new CD, visit [www.musicalking.com](http://www.musicalking.com)