

## Kid-Tested, Mother-Approved

## Pancake Mountain entertains tots and hip parents alike

It's happened to every parent — you've gotten a babysitter and gone out for the night, and then you start humming the theme song from *Dora the Explorer*. You shake your head, grab another beer and begin to ponder why kids' programming can't incorporate good music.

Well, it can, thanks to Scott Stuckey, creator of the cable access program Pancake Mountain, which could be MTV's version of Sesame Street. "Growing up, I loved my parents' Beatles records and Cat Stevens versus my ABC records," says Stuckey. He says Pancake Mountain features "kids dancing to what we think is good music." And Raffi isn't on the bill. Guster, M.I.A., Arcade Fire and even the Scissor Sisters have played on Pancake Mountain (for free). The show, which also features skits performed by puppets, airs in Washington D.C., New York City, Chicago and San Francisco, but now Houston kids can view it too when the Aurora Picture Show screens episodes at 10 a.m. today and tomorrow. 800 Aurora. For information, call 713-868-2100 or visit www.aurorapictureshow.org. \$6 per family.

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