

Tony Saletan (1931-2025) was an American folk singer, song finder, and children's television pioneer.

Saletan is known for having re-discovered (in the 1950s) two of America's favorite traditional singalongs, "[Michael, Row the Boat Ashore](#)" and "[Kumbaya](#)," which he taught to [Pete Seeger](#) and others. In 1961, he created *Sing, Children, Sing* for national educational television distribution. In the early 1970s, Saletan hosted three public television series for children, produced by Western Instructional Television: *The Song Bag*, *Let's All Sing with Tony Saletan*, and *Singing Down the Road*.

He appeared on [Sesame Street](#) in [Episode 0027](#), as the show's first outside musical guest.

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