



## “Juliana’s Smile”

**Skip Ewing, Béla Fleck & Dave Koz**

*Instrumental collaboration to benefit Juliana Wetmore.*

**For immediate release: Nashville, TN (Dec. 21, 2009)** Award winning singer/songwriter/guitarist **Skip Ewing** has joined forces with legendary musicians **Béla Fleck** (banjo) and **Dave Koz** (saxophone) on an inspired and inspiring composition and instrumental release to benefit **Juliana Wetmore**. Juliana suffers from severe **Treacher Collins Syndrome** and has received international media attention as “**the girl without a face.**” Proceeds from the sale of the track “Juliana’s Smile,” go to benefit Juliana and her family. All of the artists, musicians, engineers and studio owners involved in the recording offered their time, talents and resources without compensation of any kind.

“Juliana’s Smile” is available on the digital release of: **Skip Ewing - Hits Volume One.**  
Video at: [http://www.skipewing.com/SE/Julianas\\_Smile.html](http://www.skipewing.com/SE/Julianas_Smile.html)

### **When asked about the project, Skip said:**

*“While traveling in New York, our family saw **Juliana Wetmore** featured on a health documentary. As we watched her play, and cry, and laugh, and hurt, and persevere, she and her family became our teachers. I had a vision then to write this piece for her in hopes that it might water the seeds of compassion, healing, and awareness. I am inspired and humbled by the generosity shown by **Béla, Dave,** and all of the other incredibly talented musicians and engineers who helped bring “**Juliana’s Smile**” to life.*

*“The composition is built around the word “**face,**” my guitar is tuned to **F-A-C-g-a-E,** and the tempo is **135.6 (A, C, E, F)** corresponding to the numerical order of the letters in the English alphabet. However, it’s not about faces, it’s about hearts, spirit, love and hope, the very gifts and virtues I pray have led us here and will continue to illuminate our path.*

*“I believe that a heart’s noblest profession is the giving of itself, that the capacity for immense good lies in everyone, and that there is no insignificant act of compassion; every act of compassion, even a thought, has the capacity to transform the world.”*

### **About Juliana Wetmore:**

6-year-old Juliana Wetmore had her first surgery at 5 days old. She has since endured more than 30 trips to the operating room. Her surgeries continue to be solely to assist her to function without a tracheal or feeding tube as she grows—none for cosmetic purposes. She is effected by the most severe case of Treacher Collins Syndrome in medical history (a condition that affects the development of the bones and other tissues in the face.) However, in all other respects she is a healthy first grader taking piano lessons, and practicing ballet.

Treacher Collins Syndrome effects 1 in 10,000 babies, the result of an autosomal dominant gene. Learn more at [http://www.craniofacial.net/treacher\\_collins\\_syndrome.htm](http://www.craniofacial.net/treacher_collins_syndrome.htm)

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