



DVD REVIEW: KIDS

Hi-5: Making Music

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Parents: ★★

Kids: ★★★★★

Forced cheeriness, fake smiles and lame musical skits pretty much sums up this Hi-5 DVD.

It's guaranteed to get on parents' nerves – never, ever put it on first thing in the morning – but kids love the songs and the cast. The group, which began in Australia, has one of the most-watched TV shows there; the North American version is just as successful, receiving daytime Emmy Award nominations.

While Hi-5 employs an early childhood advisor, the educational component isn't apparent. But there's no doubt the fab five have vocal talent, with most of them having toured with blockbuster shows like *Rent*, *Miss Saigon* and *The Lion King*. The best songs on this DVD are "Making Music/Make Some Noise," and "Robot Number One," both catchy pop tunes sure to get your kids off the couch. Hi-5 is performing at the Hummingbird Centre on June 23; *Making Music* will be released June 26.

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