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Choo Choo Soul began as a collaboration between video game developer Greg Johnson, recording engineer and sound designer Burke Treischmann, and vocalist Genevieve Goings during dialogue recordings for *ToeJam & Earl III: Mission to Earth*, the first Xbox installment of the *ToeJam & Earl* video game franchise. Johnson created the concept and recorded melodies and accompaniment tracks onto his cell phone and e-mailed them to Treischmann to develop. Once in the studio, Goings provided vocals. The act debuted in 2004 as a 16-track CD Baby studio album that described itself as "kids' music that won't drive parents crazy." It is now out of print.

On October 31, 2006, Walt Disney Records released *Choo Choo Soul*, a 12-track album available through the iTunes Store and other online music outlets. It features most of the same songs as the 2004 release.

In May 2008, Amazon.com began selling a two-disc set consisting of the *Choo Choo Soul* album on CD packaged along with a DVD featuring 10 music videos. This was the first time any of their videos became available for purchase. Beginning in May 2006, a series of Choo Choo Soul interstitial programs began airing in the United States during the Playhouse Disney programming block on the Disney Channel. The music video-style shorts feature Goings and D.C. performing Choo Choo Soul songs with a group of young children in a blend of live action and computer animation.



Hip hop music is a musical genre typically consisting of a rhythmic vocal style called rap which is accompanied with backing beats. Hip hop music is part of hip hop culture, which began in the Bronx in New York City in the 1970s, predominantly among African Americans and Latin Americans. The term *rap music* is often used synonymously with *hip hop music*.

Rapping, also referred to as MCing (or emceeing), is a vocal style in which the performer speaks rhythmically and in rhyme, generally to a beat. Beats are traditionally generated from portions of other songs by a DJ, or sampled from portions of other songs by a producer, though synthesizers, drum machines and live bands are also used, especially in newer music. Rappers may perform poetry which they have written ahead of time or improvise rhymes on the spot with or without a beat. Though rap is usually an integral component of hip hop music, DJs sometimes perform and record alone, and many instrumental acts are also defined as hip hop.

Choo Choo Soul is the self-titled studio album by children's act Choo Choo Soul. It was released by Walt Disney Records through the iTunes Store and other online music outlets on October 31, 2006. Featuring vocals by Genevieve Goings, the album's tracks were the inspiration for a series of interstitial programs that have aired since May 2006 during the Playhouse Disney programming block on the Disney Channel. The music-video style shorts feature Goings as a train conductor performing with a group of young children in a blend of live action and computer animation.

CD track listing

Chugga Chugga Choo Choo
One-Two One-Two-Three
Fly Birds Fly
Jump Jump
Blue Zoo Train
Steam Train
The Polite Song
Animal Sounds
Let's Dance
The Bullet Train
I Like Chocolate
Hop On the train

Other places to find hip-hop kids videos:
<http://www.fitnessbeginnings.com/hip-hop.html>

