A Short List of Some Non-"AngloPopMusic" Songs Kids Like

(At least my kid likes them!!)

South African Jazz

= ASA goes wild for the loping, bouncing rhythms - Three of his favorites are:
  Dollar Brand = "Cape Town Fringe" LP
  Johannesberg Street Band = "Dancin' Through the Streets" LP
  Johnny Mbito Dyani = "With Doctor's Son Together" LP

Nueva Cancion Chicleta

= Much more mellow - This has been great to calm things down when they get intense. Favs:
  Victor Jara = "La Poblacion" LP
  Violetta Parra = Just about anything by her...

Carte De Sejour

= 80's French new wave mixed with Algerian rai music - So good! They have a compilation record called "Ramsa - Arab Soul Revue" that ASA and I can't recommend enough!

Fela Kuti = You pretty much can't go wrong with any Fela record/song. Propulsive afro pop that makes the kids go wild. ASA really loves "Beasts of No Nation", while I'm partial to "Zombie"!!

Gumbe Music from Guinea-Bissau

= An amalgamation of folk music styles - We really like the kind with the 'kusunde', a droney string instrument made from a gourd. A lot of it is really political too, check out "Uma Cartugheira Cheia" de Cancoes" (a bunch best of songs), you can find it on YouTube!

Kliche

= A Danish post-punk/new wave band from the early 1980's, it sounds like a New Order or Depeche Mode album you've never heard, so familiar yet completely fresh + fun. Both you and your kids will be bouncing around (plus some of the songs on their first album have lyrics from Mao's "Little Red Book"!!)

Pablo Moses

= They say kids love reggae, but not all reggae is the same! "Revolutionary Dream" is a favorite of ours - super propulsive but nice + mellow too. Taiper Zukié's "M PLA" is a runner-up plus any dub from Sly + Robbie from the 70's or early 80's

Zulu Jive

= So I guess we'll start + finish with South Africa! Jive is a S. African specific sound developed in black townships, out of jazz + soul + reggae + traditional tribal music. The most accessible is Ladysmith Black Mambazo, but we suggest also checking out the Mahotella Queens.

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