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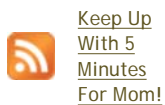
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## Meet Kristina Reiko Cooper — musician and mom!

Written by [Stacey](#)

My girls love music, so we listen to a lot of nursery rhymes and high-energy singy-song kids music. After an entire day of that music I am ready for something a little more, well....something that isn't being sung by a cartoon character and isn't asking me to clap my hands or dance like a bug!

I tend to like all types of music but, when I'm working or wanting to relax, I'll choose an instrumental CD every time! And right now, I'm listening to [Kristina Reiko Cooper's](#) new CD, *Stone and Steel*!!!



*Stone and Steel* is a beautiful combination of the ancient and the modern as Kristina puts a fresh spin on some old classics — Gregorian chants, songs from composer John Dowland, and Dido's Lament.

I absolutely love the combination of cello, piano, and percussion. The music is relaxing yet inspiring. And, the woman behind the music is even more inspiring!



[Kristina Reiko Cooper](#) is not only a renowned musician, frequently performing at such venues as Carnegie Hall, Jerusalem's Henry Crown Hall, Toronto's Roy Thompson Hall and Kioi Hall of Tokyo, but she's also a new mom!!!

Kristina received her bachelors and masters degrees in music and her doctorate of musical arts from Juilliard and now tours the world with her music. But her cello isn't the only thing she's bringing with her on those tours. Kristina also takes her one year old son with her as she tours.

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