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## **BACKGROUND SUMMARY**

### **ESL TEACHER, WORKSHOP PRESENTER, SONGWRITER/ENTERTAINER**

- 22 years' experience in teaching English as a Second Language to K-8 through music, movement, choral speaking, and drama, and standard ESL methodologies.
- NYS certification in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (See below.)
- Co-authored a literacy program for English Language Learners entitled *We Love To Read: Literacy Through Literature and Music*.
- Entertain children with music throughout the Tri-State area (see below)
- Wrote, recorded and produced two award-winning CD's for children entitled ***We All Laugh in the Same Language*** and ***I Love to Talk to Plants***. Songs from both albums have been used by several school districts for graduation ceremonies and for literacy instruction. Songs have gotten airplay around the world.
- Presented numerous citywide and district wide workshops for ESL and monolingual teachers and teacher interns (see below).
- Vocal Music Teacher. Have conducted Children's Chorus for holiday programs.

## **ESL TEACHING EXPERIENCE - Elementary**

### **PS 14, District 8**

Bronx, NY. 1999-10/10

Hispanic, Asian, and Arabic students, grades K-5

### **PS 125, District 5**

Harlem, NY. 9/88-9/99

Hispanic and Haitian students, grades K-6

## **MUSICAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **PS 14 Vocal Music Teacher, 2003-2009**

Chose songs for holiday and spring programs, K-3. Performed for a full house of delighted parents.

### **PS 125 International Day Program, 6/98 and 6/99**

Conducted a chorus of children. Taught songs from around the world in many languages. Performed for parents and neighborhood schools.

## **ESL TEACHING EXPERIENCE – Adjunct Instructor for Adult ELL's (All Nationalities)**

- Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY. Summers of 97, 96, and 93
- Westchester Community College, Valhalla, NY. Summer 96, Fall 92.
- Bergen Community College, Paramus, NJ. 1/90-1/92

## **EDUCATION**

**MA, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.** NYU, 1994

**MA, Pupil Personnel Services,** Montclair University, NJ. 1985

**BA, English,** Kean University, Union, NJ. 1968 Graduated *summa cum laude*.

## PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS

**At LI ESOL (Long island Conference for Speakers of of Other Languages)  
Malloy College, Rockville Centre, NY:**

***\*\*Inspiring ELLs Through Music and Lyrics, Spring, 2009***

***\*\*Music and Movement for a Visual Generation: Combining the Auditory, Kinesthetic,  
AND Visual Learning Styles to Inspire ELL's Spring, 2008***

***\*\*Books that Sing®: Using Standards Based Reading and Musical Activities for Instant  
Assessment of Language Learning, Spring 2007***

***\*\* We All Laugh in the Same Language: ESOL, Music, and the Multiple Intelligences,  
Spring, 2006***

***\*\*ESOL, Music and the Content Areas, Spring, 2005***

***\*\*Language Learning and Literacy Through Music and Movement, Spring, 2003***

***Workshop Part I: Songs Across the Curriculum***

***Workshop Part II Writing Songs with Children***

Presented at Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AK, Spring, 2008

***Music, Multiple Intelligences, and Enhancing Language Skills***

NYSTESOL, New York University, Fall, 2005

***The Role of Music and Movement in Second Language Learning***

Staff Development Conference for New Teachers

District 8, Bronx, NY

Presented 4/01, 11/00, 4/00, 11/99, and 4/99.

***Music, Movement and Meeting the Standards for ELL's***

Workshop, ESL City Wide Teachers Conference:

"Sharing Successes in ESL Instruction"

Hunter College, NYC,

Presented 1/01

***Through the Eyes of ELL's: Une Leçon En Français***

Workshop, ESL staff development for monolingual teachers

PS 75, Bronx, NY

Presented 5/01

***We Love To Read: Literacy Through Literature and Music***

Conference for ESL Teacher Interns

Office of English Language Learners, Brooklyn, NY

Presented 1/19/01

***Songwriting Across the Curriculum: A Teacher's Guide***

NYS TESOL Mainstream Educator's Institute, Rye, NY

Presented 11/97

***Writing From the Heart: Teaching Empathy Through Song***

Workshop, ESL City Wide Teachers Conference:

"Sharing Successes in ESL Instruction"

Hunter College, NYC,

Presented 11/94 and 1/95

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

### **Musician/Entertainer/Songwriter**

1975-Present (self-employed)

- Performed for nursery schools, elementary schools, libraries, parks, colleges
- Wrote original songs for children which receive airplay around the world
- Won music awards such as: **Parents Choice ® Gold and NAPPA (National Association of Parents' Publications of America)**

### **SPECIAL SKILLS**

- Proficient on PC and MAC
- Speak, read and write French

### **AFFILIATIONS**

Member, TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages), 1990-Present

Member ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) 1987-Present

Member CMN (Children's Music Network) 2004- present