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## Executive Summary

Fluent in Spanish, English and French, award-winning author Yolanda Borrás specializes in developing music and language programs for children. She has broad professional experience working in the USA, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean. Yolanda is Founder/Director of I'm Bilingual® a Supplemental Music Curriculum in Spanish that offers effective tools and resources that educators can use to enrich their programs and successfully develop musical and language skills in children from an early age.

Based on culturally- authentic texts, Yolanda Borrás has created an award-winning collection of music and books that help support the acquisition of Spanish during early childhood. She offers professional development workshops and is a frequent presenter/speaker in national and international conferences.

Specialties: Teacher trainer and guest speaker, author of children's award-winning books, curriculum development in multiple languages.

## Experience

### Founder/ Director

I'm Bilingual! ® Languages Through Music 1999-present

I'm Bilingual! offers a flexible, supplemental early learning curriculum based on culturally authentic Spanish texts and music. The I'm Bilingual! collection offers teachers research-based strategies and materials to succeed in the classroom and to help students develop essential foundational skills to achieve positive academic and social outcomes, providing a lifelong impact for children.

Speaker, Author, Teacher Trainer 2005-present

Guest speaker, presenter and teacher trainer in Spanish and music education workshops throughout the USA and abroad. Award winning author of children's bilingual music books.

President, Fundación de la Villa de Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic 2011-present

Organizes community engagement educational programs for this non-profit organization as well as a music festival that presents concerts in the Colonial City of Santo Domingo.

Vendor/Music and Storytime virtual program / Content Creator 2019-2022

New York Public Library

Created online Spanish Storytime videos and live presentations for the New York Public Library community.

Music Education Consultant 2019-2020

HighScope Foundation, Ypsilanti, MI

Music consultant services include curating music books and song collections to create a new music collection, song collection and learning goals.

Music Teacher

International schools in the USA, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean 1985-1999  
Taught music classes in three languages for children ages 3 - 12.

Education

Center for Teacher Effectiveness - Time to teach 2017  
Certified Classroom Management Consultant

The Eugene Lang Entrepreneurship Center at Columbia Business School 2012 - 2014  
Columbia Community Business Program for Entrepreneurs

New York University Steinhardt Department of Music Summer 2000  
Kodály Method Certification program (Early Childhood-Elementary)

Teachers College Columbia University 1996-1998  
M.A. Educational Administration

Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University 1981-1985  
B.A. Music Performance (Piano)

Languages/Skills

Languages: Tri-lingual, native speaker proficiency (English, French, Spanish). Excellent oral and written communication skills in all three languages. Native Spanish speaker.

Leadership: Extensive experience in organizational leadership, management, mentoring and training.

Creativity and Innovation: Entrepreneur, program creator, curriculum designer, video and audio producer

Technology: Knowledge of database systems-management, fluent command of office-based computer programs (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, among others). Experience with video productions, studio recordings

Fundraising: International experience in writing successfully funded grant proposals, creating and implementing individual donor development programs, soliciting major gifts in corporate and government support

## Workshops and Presentations

- 2024 New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children, Albuquerque, NM
- 2024 National Association of Bilingual Education (NABE) National Conference, New Orleans, LA
- 2023 National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), Nashville, TN
- 2023 National Head Start Association – Early Head Start Webinar (NHSA)
- 2023 Congreso Instituto 512, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- 2023 PFCCAG Conference, Professional Family Childcare Association of GA, Jonesboro, GA
- 2022 HighScope International Early Childhood Conference, Detroit MI
- GAEYC Annual Conference, GA (Virtual)
- NABE International Conference, NY, NY
- 2021 GAEYC Annual Conference, GA (Virtual)
- HighScope International Early Childhood Conference, Detroit MI (Virtual)
- 2021 NY Public Library: Virtual presentations for daycare centers and EC programs in the NYC area
- HighScope Virtual International EC Conference, Detroit MI
- 2019 Workshop for educators at the DISESA Education Fair, Santiago, Dominican Republic
- HighScope International Early Childhood Conference, Detroit MI
- 2018 HighScope International Early Childhood Conference, Detroit MI
- 2016 HighScope International Early Childhood Conference, Detroit MI
- 2014 Early Childhood Music and Movement Association (ECMMA) International Conference, GA
- 2011 National Association of Bilingual Education (NABE) National Conference, New Orleans, LA
- 2009 Music Educators' National Conference (MENC) Northeast Conference, Providence, RI
- 2008 CASIE, Global Language Convention, Atlanta, GA
- Music Educators' National Conference (MENC) National Conference, Milwaukee, MN
- Music Educators' National Conference (MENC) Texas State Conference, TX
- 2007 California Music Educators' Association (CMEA) California State Conference
- Indiana Music Educators' Association, Indiana State Conference
- 2006 Teacher/training workshops for the Ministry of Education in the Dominican Republic

## Affiliations/Memberships

ASCD - Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Columbia University Teachers College Alumni Association, Kappa Delta Pi - International honor society in the field of education, NABE - National Association for Bilingual Education, NAEYC – National Association for the Education of Young Children, PRAEYC, GAEYC NMAEYC, National Head Start Association (NHSA), Peabody Conservatory Alumni Association, Johns Hopkins Alumni Association

## Book Publications

- 2022 Pimpón (Pimpón, the cardboard doll) Award-winning illustrated Spanish songbook for children
- 2021 Los Pollitos (The Little Chicks) Award-winning illustrated Spanish songbook for children
- 2018 La Finca (The Farm) Award-winning illustrated Spanish songbook for children

- 2018 ¡Cantemos todos Juntos! and Teachers Guide (in English and Spanish) Revised version
- 2017 Los Pajaritos (The Little Birds) Award-winning illustrated Spanish songbook for children

#### Music Recordings

- 2022 Released Pimpón song track
- 2017 Released Los Pajaritos song track
- 2013 Released ¡Cantemos todos Juntos! Award-winning music CD, a collection of children's songs in Spanish
- 2006 Produced and released ¡Caramba! Kids, a Parent's Choice Silver Honor award CD of children's songs in Spanish

#### Awards

- Alma Flor Ada Award
- Family Choice Awards
- International Latino Book Awards
- Mom's Choice Gold Award
- Parent's Choice Silver Honor Award
- Story Monsters' Approved Winner
- Purple Dragonfly Book Awards
- Tillywig Toy and Media Awards

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