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Executive Summary

Yolanda is author of the I'm Bilingual® Supplemental Spanish Curriculum providing teachers with research-based strategies and field-tested materials that support language acquisition, foster foundational academic and social skills, and integrate music, movement, and culture into early learning. 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 Borrás has created an award-winning collection of music and books based on culturally-authentic texts, that help support the acquisition of Spanish during early childhood. She offers professional development workshops and is a frequent presenter at national and international conferences.

Specialties: Award-winning author, teacher trainer and guest speaker, developer of curriculum in multiple languages.

Experience

Founder/ President

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.

Trilingual Music Teacher

International schools in the USA, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean 1985-1999

Education

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 Level 1 (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 for Educators

- 2026 (Upcoming) NABE International Conference, Chicago, ILL
- 2025 Spanish Fun! Fall Online Workshops for Educators
- 2025 NMAECY Pre-Conference and Conference, Albuquerque, NM
- 2025 NABE International Conference, Atlanta, GA
- 2024 Multilingual Illinois Statewide Conference, Tinley Park, ILL
- La Cosecha Dual Language Conference, Santa Fe, NM
- GAEYC Annual Conference, GA
- New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children, Albuquerque, NM
- National Association of Bilingual Education (NABE) National Conference, New Orleans, LA
- 2023 National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), Nashville, TN
- National Head Start Association – Early Head Start Webinar (NHSA)
- Congreso Instituto 512, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- 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

Kappa Delta Pi - International Honor Society in the Field of Education; Columbia University Teachers College Alumni Association; NABE - National Association for Bilingual Education; NAEYC – National Association for the Education of Young Children and PRAEYC, GAEYC, NMAEYC; National Head Start Association (NHSA); Peabody Institute Alumni Association, Johns Hopkins Alumni Association

Publications

- 2024 I'm Bilingual! Supplemental Spanish Curriculum for Early Childhood
- 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 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 Received for Yolanda Borrás' Illustrated Songbooks and Music

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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