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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The I'm Bilingual!® Supplemental Spanish Curriculum for Early Childhood integrates naturally with the fundamental domains of child development—supporting language, cognition, the arts, social-emotional skills, and motor development through meaningful learning experiences. Its flexible, cross-curricular design enriches instruction by connecting music, movement, culture, and language with other areas of the curriculum, allowing educators to expand and deepen the work they already do in the classroom.

Yolanda Borrás, author of this curriculum, specializes in creating music and language programs for young children and has extensive professional experience across the United States, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean. Her award-winning body of work—recognized with more than twenty national honors—includes a collection of children's music and illustrated books based on culturally authentic Spanish-language texts that support early Spanish acquisition.

Yolanda provides professional development workshops and is a frequent presenter at national and international conferences.

EXPERIENCE

Founder/ President

I'm Bilingual! ® Languages Through Music 1999-present
Developed a supplemental curriculum based on authentic texts, music, and movement, using evidence-based strategies to support academic and social development.

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 / Content Creator / New York Public Library

2019-2022

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

Music Education Consultant / HighScope Foundation, Ypsilanti, MI

2019-2020

Trilingual Music Teacher - USA, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean

1985-1999

EDUCATION

The Eugene Lang Entrepreneurship Center, Columbia Business School — Columbia Community Business Program for Entrepreneurs	2012–2014
New York University, Steinhardt School of Music — Kodály Certification Level 1 (Early Childhood–Elementary)	Summer 2000
Teachers College, Columbia University — <i>M.A. in Educational Administration</i>	1996–1998
Peabody Conservatory, Johns Hopkins University — <i>B.A. in Music Performance (Piano)</i>	1981–1985

LANGUAGES/SKILLS

Languages: Native proficiency in English, French, and Spanish; strong oral and written communication skills.

Leadership: Experience in organizational leadership, management, mentoring, and training.

Creativity & Innovation: Entrepreneur; creator of programs, curriculum, audio, and video projects.

Technology: Proficient in database systems, office software, video production, and studio recording.

Fundraising: Experience in grant writing, donor development, and securing corporate and government support.

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

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, WI
 - 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

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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