

Cynthia Reynolds

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OBJECTIVE

To engage and excite children to become life-long learners through the combination of my creativity, talents in the arts, and love of teaching. And most importantly, to share the joy of making music together.

CERTIFICATION

- **Childhood Education (1-6)**, New York State Initial Certificate
- **Music (K-12)**, New York State Initial Certificate
- **Theater (K-12)**, New York State Initial Certificate

EMPLOYMENT

The Bronxville School, Bronxville, NY

March 2010 to present

Elementary Choral and General Music Teacher

- Teach elementary general music to grades K through 4, and conduct the Grade 5 chorus, utilizing Kodály and Orff methodology in all aspects of music classroom instruction. Prepare and present Grade 4 and Grade 5 concerts, as well as Holiday Sing for the younger students.

Rye Country Day School, Rye, NY

December 2009 - March 2010

Lower School Music Teacher – Maternity Leave Replacement

- Taught elementary general music to grades Pre-K through 4, incorporating Kodály and Orff methodology in all aspects of music classroom instruction, concert preparation, and grade 3 recorder. Used Smartboard and internet technology to enhance understanding of cultural and core subject connections to the music curriculum.

Education Through Music, Inc., New York, NY

October 2009 – December 2009

Teaching Artist

- Taught elementary general music 3 days a week for grades Pre-K through 5, at P.S. 102 in East Harlem, including all duties of a regular music teacher, such as lesson planning, differentiating instruction for self-contained special education and inclusion classrooms, concert preparation, and collaboration with classroom teachers for connections to core subject lessons. Used Kodály and Orff methodology in all aspects of teaching.

City School District of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, NY

April 2009 – Present

District Substitute Teacher

- Substitute teacher for all elementary schools in New Rochelle – Pre-K to Grade 5

C.S. 61 (Francisco Oller) Public School, Bronx, NY

August 2007 – December 2008

First Grade CTT General Education Teacher

August 2008 – December 2008

- First grade general education teacher in a collaborative team teaching inclusion setting
- Instructed entire class in Everyday Math and word study; instructed general education students in reading, Writer's Workshop (Lucy Calkins), science, and social studies
- Taught music to the entire grade level as preparation for assemblies

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Science Cluster Teacher, Grades 2-5

August 2007 – June 2008

- Developed science curriculum and taught grades 2-5
- Integrated technology, art, music, literature, and math into science activities
- Differentiated instruction for self-contained special-education and inclusion classrooms
- Developed and taught lessons for entire grade levels K, 1 and 2, including literacy, character education, and incorporated music to teach phonemic awareness
- Completed professional development training in the NY State fourth grade science test, NYC third grade science curriculum, Trout in the Classroom, and Junior Great Books

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

First Unitarian Society of Westchester, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY

2004 – Present

Teacher, Assistant Choir Director, Community Leader

- Create and present children's music worship services for Grades K-5
- Conduct rehearsals for Intergenerational Choir when Director is absent
- Taught religious education classes, Grades K/1 and 4/5
- Developed and produced adult and children's art shows and music concerts
- Current Webmaster; Past Chair Social Action Committee, Secretary Board of Trustees

William B. Ward Elementary School, New Rochelle, NY

2006 – 2007

Volunteer "Specials" Teacher, Grades 2 and 3

- Developed and presented enrichment activities for students participating in New York City Opera education program, including listening skills, experiencing and creating musical emotional response, what to expect at the opera, and concert etiquette.
- Developed and presented Nature Journaling sessions, encouraging skills in observation, drawing natural subjects, scientific journaling and poetry

Audubon Greenwich, Greenwich, CT

2006 – 2008

Student, Volunteer Presenter

- Trained as Teacher Naturalist to lead hands-on direct experiences in nature
- Presented nature journaling workshops at festivals

EDUCATION

Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY

2007 – 2008

Master of Arts, Childhood Education 1-6, GPA: 4.0

completed August 2008

Audubon Greenwich, Greenwich, CT

2005

Teacher Naturalist, (in process – currently on hold)

New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY

2005 – 2007

Certificate in Botanical Art (in process – currently on hold)

Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL,

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Music Theater, Magna Cum Laude

1980

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, PRESENTATIONS

- Organization of American Kodály Educators; Kodály Organization of New York
- Presented Action Research: "A Study of the Impact of Learning Science Songs on Retention of Science Vocabulary and Concepts", for Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, *Manhattanville College*, Purchase, NY, March 4, 2009

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ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK/WORKSHOPS/CERTIFICATION

- **Orff Level I**, including Graduate Credits, *Hofstra University*, NY 2010
- **Kodály Level I** Certification, Kodály Summer Institute, *NYU*, NY 2009
- “Methods for Middle Childhood/Adolescent Music” (a Kodály-based methodology), *Manhattanville College*, Purchase, NY 2009
- Orff Workshop: “Orff Schulwerk in Action!”, Bedford Staff Dev. Center, Bedford, NY 2009
- Orff Workshop: “Alejandro Jimenez – Voices of the Afro-Spanish-Caribbean Styles and Rhythms”, NYC Chapter AOSA, New York, NY 2009
- Body Percussion Workshop with Keith Terry, Education Through Music, Inc. 2009
- Participant in Western Wind Vocal Ensemble Workshops, Smith College 2003-2008

PERFORMANCE

- Performed as soprano soloist or leading role with many companies, including: Vineyard Opera (NYC), New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players (NYC), Asbury Summer Theater (Tuckahoe, NY), Sound Shore Chorale (New Rochelle, NY), Long Island Philharmonic, Waukegan Symphony Orchestra (Waukegan, Illinois), as well as concerts and recitals

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

SoftWise Corporation, Staten Island, NY

1995 – 2007

Software Developer, Instructor

- Developed computer software product for use in law firm and corporations
- Developed user guides and training materials
- Instructed administrators and developers in use and customization of product
- Provided telephone and on-site support for clients

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Software development and web design, skilled with Microsoft Word, Outlook, Excel, Front Page, Power Point, Publisher, Visual Studio .NET 2005, Visual Studio 6.0, Access
- Botanical artist, nature journalist
- Classically trained soprano performing opera, operetta, concerts, and music theatre
- Perform in small ensembles playing violin, mandolin, soprano and alto recorder
- Writing science songs and leading children in song and theatre games

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