



GARY DULABAUM: TEACHING THROUGH THE MAGIC OF SONG

Gary Dulabaum is a nationally touring educator, motivational speaker, author, songwriter, musician, poet, college guest lecturer and a recording artist of children's music. Since 1992 he has traveled the United States and beyond sharing his hands-on participatory concerts and workshops for young children and teachers that enhance pre-literacy skills, that demonstrate the importance of rhythm in language development skills, that offer ideas and activities that help children make the link from oral to printed words, and that feature songs and activities for developing social skills and pro-social behavior.

Gary is also a graduate of the University of Vermont Pre-k/3 Program. He has worked as a home and center-based teacher as well as education and social services coordinator for the Head Start program and has taught at several private preschool programs. His love and concern for the well being of children led him to the position of Community Child Protection consultant for the Vermont Agency of Human Services working with the state's child protection teams.

Gary has been called a "teachers' teacher" and an innovative educator who believes in teaching through the magic of song, poetry, rhyme, movement and rhythm. Knowing that music is a universal language and most if not all children love music, Gary found early on the importance of using music in the preschool classroom setting. Music is a free way to express feelings, a means of emotional expression, a co-ordination of the mind, body and imagination, the interaction of cognitive and affective growth, an outlet for creativity and self-expression, and music is FUN!!

Gary has been a member of VAEYC, NAEYC, and the International Reading Association and has presented, performed and keynoted at their local, state, regional and national conferences and conventions. Gary is also a registered certified instructor for the Vermont Northern Lights Career Development Center in the following areas: *Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood)*, *Families and Communities (Early Childhood)*, *Child Development (Early Childhood)*.

GARY DULABAUM: COOPERATIVE MUSICAL EXPERIENCES FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN AND TEACHERS

- * Preschool concerts and workshops for kids
- * Hands-on, participatory workshops for teachers
- * Community family concerts
- * Preschool age library programs: concerts and workshops
- * Activity-based workshops/programs for parents
- * Special Event Entertainment
- * Multi-day residencies
- * Recordings
- * Early Childhood Conference Workshops, Keynotes & Entertainment

CONCERTS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

GENERAL CONCERT: MUSIC FROM MOTHER'S KNEE: SONGS EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW

This interactive concert features Gary's original songs, humor, traditional folk songs, contemporary children's songs, Mother Goose, Nursery Rhymes, poetry, songs every child should know, movement, dance, rhythm activities and music from Mother's Knee. Lots of sing-a-longs!

(For concerts Gary requests the following equipment: 2 microphones and 2 microphone stands. Please contact Amber Circle Music for more information on concert equipment needs).

TEACHER IN-SERVICE TRAININGS/CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

SONGS AND MUSICAL ACTIVITIES THAT ENHANCE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Children love music and music is an incredible teaching tool for enhancing social emotional development in young children. Through music and musical activities you can learn to manage daily transitions (using clean-up songs for example), teach simple routines/rules (the music has started, I need to start cleaning up now), and help children participate in the group life of the class (being involved in a performance or simply being involved in a musical experience). Gary will also demonstrate musical movement ideas great for having children interact with each other and for developing self-confidence. Gary's workshop also explores how children can find expression for their thoughts, values, ideas and feelings through poetry, movement, humor, storytelling, drama and songs. Using music/song as a daily teaching tool helps children connect with their own creativity as well.

TEACHING CHILDREN THROUGH THE MAGIC OF SONG AND PLAY

The natural work of all children is to play, is pretending, is trying on life through imagination. This activity, basic to human existence, is now appreciated as an essential component of the language arts (pre-literacy), an integral part of learning, touching every subject, every curriculum strand. Music/song is also a component of pre-literacy and a universal language. Children everywhere bring music into their games, their interactions with other children and adults, and employ it as an inner companion to their exploration of the world around them.

Music/song is also a free way to express feelings, a means of emotional expression, a coordination of the mind, body and imagination, a way to express and explore responses to inner feelings and reactions to stimulations outside the child's environment, an additive of social growth, the interaction of cognitive and affective growth and children love music!! Through nursery rhymes, chants, play games and songs they make the link from oral to written language, they make sense of the world around them, and many preschoolers, whether at rest or play, self confidently accompany their activities with a steady stream of personal rhythms, tunes and words. In this hands-on, participatory session where we'll sing, express, create, move, share and PLAY! Audio taping is encouraged.

POETRY & SONG WRITING 101 FOR THE PRESCHOOL

Explore how easy it is to make up/write songs and poems for and with the pre-school set. You will learn how to turn areas of your curriculum into useful songs and poems using easy, step-by-step, song and poetry writing processes for writing songs and poems on any topic, theme, or from favorite books. These same methods can be used with children and Gary will demonstrate how to write songs and poems with young children. Samples of student and teacher songwriting are shared during this session. Gary will also demonstrate how poems and books can be made into songs.

In this session we will be writing songs and poems and will be sharing them. Adding movement and drama to songs and poems will also be covered as well as pre-school classroom applications on using the songs and poems with young children. No previous musical experience is needed. Just come prepared to sing, move, create and have fun!!!!

KEYNOTE ADDRESS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCES & TRAININGS:

I CAME TO TEACH AND STAYED TO LEARN: FINDING, KEEPING AND NURTURING THE PASSION

When Gary Dulabaum first started working with young children he was asked, "why do you want to work with young children?" Gary replied with this little poem: *"It's a love, it's a passion, It's an overall satisfaction, That I can make a difference in a young child's life."*

These are not the easiest times for anyone. With a recession on, jobs being cut, programs sliced and diced, and working conditions everywhere more difficult and challenging, the time is right to explore the joy in working with children. Using song, performance poetry, stories, movement, humor and inspirational quotes, Gary's participatory keynote will help you find, keep and nurture the passion needed for working with children. After all you can make a difference in a young child's life through your work.

What Others Have To Say About Gary Dulabaum....

"Dear Gary, we are so pleased that you shared your high energy, humor and wonderful inventory of knowledge about learning with us at the Region VIII Head Start Conference in Cheyenne, Wyoming, October 20-23. Your workshop and session topics on literacy were very popular and well received by the participants. The conference participants rated your workshop, breakout session, and opener very highly and wrote on the evaluations such comments as: 'Wonderful instructor.' 'Awesome.' 'Lively, fun, informative.' 'Excellent information. Very powerful.' 'Fun and inspiring.' 'Gary got everyone in a good frame of mind for a great conference.' It has been great working with you and we truly hope our paths will cross again many times in the future. Thanks again for helping make the Region VIII Head Start Conference such a success." **Joan Bangen & Marianne North, Conference Co-coordinators, Casper, Wyoming**

"Thanks again Gary! We really enjoyed your performance at the Waitsfield Elementary School! We continue to have dance parties to your music." **Spring Hill School, Waitsfield, Vermont**

"Gary, Thanks so much for a very enjoyable and exciting workshop! Everyone loved your enthusiasm and wonderful ideas on how to enhance children's lives with music. Almost everyone said they were going to go back and do more songs and movement with their children!! We all loved your tape!! Thanks so much!! **Cathy Rylant, Child-Care Resource and Referral Center of Chittenden County, Williston, Vermont**

"Gary can turn social interaction in to an art form! He was so accommodating both on and off the stage. Gary is a shining example of the kind of person I like to deal with on an on-going basis!" **Charlie Madden, Family Tree Childcare Center, Pepperell, Massachusetts**

"Gary Dulabaum's music is genuine children's music. He sings about the things that children think and talk about. He is a singer who is child-centered. His music is toe tapping, finger snapping good. Be prepared to sing along, join in and have fun!" **John Thomas Poeton, Consultant, Barre, Vermont**

"Gary has a wonderful rapport with his audience—from three years old and up!...a fun-filled, fantastic performance!" **Pegge Strickler, Howe Public Library, Hanover, New Hampshire**

"Gary – Just a personal note of thanks for sharing so much at the conference! My "bucket" is full – but I'd still like more! You gave me so many ideas, plus you gave me some "enthusiasm" to keep going. Interestingly enough though, I actually was boosted up by just a simple comment you made which really didn't have anything to do with anything! You said, "It's important to read the evaluations you get, but it's more important what you think about yourself." That comment really meant a lot to me - thanks. Thanks again – you are REAL and are doing an amazing job inspiring every life you touch." **Julie Clark, Pre-school Teacher, Provo, Utah**

"Enjoyed your workshop tremendously. Fun and music are so important in life and the classroom. Thanks a million." **Linda Woods, California Reading Conference, Sacramento, California**

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"I thoroughly enjoyed your workshops and presentation in the evening. Our staff has enjoyed listening to your tape, I'm not sure if they are willing to share it with the children." **Kathleen L.Mays, Birth to Three Service Coordinator, Program Manager for L-UCDA/Head Start**

"I also wanted to take the opportunity to let you know how impressed I was with your talent of speaking about the art of teaching. I feel you were a true blessing for me to be able to hear your story and theory of teaching. I was actually very excited to go back to work. **Brandy Jennings, Williamsport Early Childhood Conference, Williamsport, Pennsylvania**

"Thank you, Gary. It was of course a delight to see you as well, and to see a roomful of teachers be-bopping to Dr. Dre! We had fabulous feedback from participants, who enjoyed your presentation enormously. You were able to feed their minds and their spirits, a wonderful accomplishment. Thank you so much!" **Andrea Viets, CCR Coordinator of Professional Development, Williston Children's Center, Williston, Vermont**

"Gary is a unique and talented individual who will make this an exceptional learning experience for participants. Dulabaum will demonstrate how participants can integrate the arts into everyday preschool programs. Gary recognizes that children come to daycare and pre-school from a variety of ethnic, linguistic and cultural backgrounds, which can present a challenge for their caregivers and teachers. The program teaches that children can find expression for their thoughts, values, ideas and feelings through the arts." **Julie Agard, Assistant Professor of Elementary Education at the University of Nebraska, Kearney, Nebraska**

Hi Gary As always.....you made me laugh!!! Your session was great and I look forward to working with you again for the 2007 conference. We will plan on again having you do a breakout session and closing keynote if that is alright with you~
Mary Beth Pistillo, Training Coordinator, Early Childhood Training Center, Omaha Nebraska

"Gary, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for presenting at the Caring For Children Conference at McCook. We had an overwhelmingly amount of positive feedback from your presentations. You definitely have a gift for engaging children and adults through music, entertainment, thus resulting in learning. I will share some of the comments shared with me from the providers: lots of energy, fun, wonderful, great information, lots of laughs, excellent, kids would love the movements and songs, best ever, very good and can be applied to everyday easily, great ideas that I will use, very gifted, well presented, outstanding, fun songs, very entertaining, had a good time and got a little carried away, and very funny. On behalf of the conference committee, and myself, thank you very much for coming to McCook as our keynote speaker. We all enjoyed our conversations that we had with you throughout the day. Thanks again." **Shelly Chromy, High Plains Early Childhood Professional Development Partnership Coordinator, North Platte, Nebraska**

GARY DULABAUM SAMPLE LIST OF PRESCHOOL VISITS, EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCES & TRAININGS

- IRA Parent's and Children's Day Programs** (New York State Reading Conference, IRA National Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana)
- Guatemala City Preschools & Schools, Guatemala
- North East Kingdom Schools and Child Care Centers/Head Start Programs, Newport, Vermont
- Northwestern Vermont Day Care Programs and Schools, St. Albans, Vermont
- Vermont Achievement Center, Rutland, Vermont
- Success By Six Early Childhood Training, Morrisville, Vermont
- Barton Parent Child Family Center Collaborative Program, Barton, Vermont
- Grand Cayman Island Early Childhood Programs Concert Series, Grand Cayman Island
- New England Association of Education for Young Children Conference, Burlington, Vermont VT,
- Main-E-vent Conferences, Portland, Maine, 1988, 1989
- Santa Fe Springs Family Literacy Festival, Santa Fe Springs, California
- New Hampshire State Head Start Conference, North Conway, New Hampshire
- National, Regional, State & Local Head Start Conferences
- New England Association of Education for Young Children, Boston, Massachusetts
- 9th Annual Early Education Institute, Stowe, Vermont
- Vermont State Child Care Training Project, Montpelier, Vermont
- Vermont State Head Start Conference, Montpelier, Vermont
- Rutland County Parent Child Center Conference, Rutland, Vermont
- New Hampshire Early Childhood Association Conference, Portsmouth, New Hampshire
- 10th Annual Early Education Summer Institute, Killington, Vermont
- New England Association of Education for Young Children, Hartford, Connecticut
- University of Wisconsin at Whitewater Early Childhood Conference, 2000
- Salt Lake City Children's Literature Festival, Utah, 2000
- 12th Child Care Resource & Referral Conference (Children & The Arts), Colchester, Vermont
- Growing Up Reading Conference (RIF), Berlin, Vermont
- 11th Annual Early Education Institute, Burlington, Vermont
- Vermont Association of Education for Young Children, Burlington, Vermont
- 8th Annual Early Childhood Community Conference, Williamsport, Pennsylvania
- Northeast New England Head Start Parent's Conference, Newport, Rhode Island
- Iowa Child Care Council Annual Spring Conference, Ankeny, 1997
- New England Association of Education Young Children Conference, Newport, RI, 1991
- N.E.Resource Center Curriculum Symposium, Newton, Massachusetts, 1988
- Head Start Regional Annual Meeting & Conference, Newport, Rhode Island, 1988
- Ysleta Early Childhood Conference, El Paso, Texas, 2001
- Operation Tadpole Early Childhood Conference, Morgan County, West Virginia
- Bennington County Regional Child Care Professional Development Center Conference, Bennington, Vermont
- New England Association of Education for Young Children, Portland, Maine
- New England Association of Education for Young Children, Manchester, New Hampshire 1992
- Children's Upstream Services Annual Conference, Killington, Vermont

- Region 1 Head Start Conference, Bennington, Vermont
- Ysleta School District Conference For Teachers, Parents & Social Workers, El Paso, Texas 2001
- Northwest Vermont Early Childhood Conference, Highgate, Vermont
- Rocky Mountain Region VIII Head Start Conference, Cheyenne, Wyoming 2002
- EDC Regional Curriculum Symposium, Bedford, New Hampshire
- Vermont State Head Start Conference, Poultney, Vermont
- Mom's The Word Health Fair Five, El Paso, Texas
- 4th Annual Statewide CUPS Gathering, Killington, Vermont
- Together For Children Conference, El Paso, Texas
- Governor's Prevention Conference, Burlington, Vermont
- Bismarck Public Library Early Childhood/Preschool Teachers workshops, Bismarck, North Dakota
- Ready To Be Ready and Intervention Team Workshop, Ysleta District, El Paso, Texas
- MOC Head Start Program Training, Leominster, Massachusetts
- The Arts As A Teaching Tool For Daycare & Preschool Personnel, University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Pace Head Start Training, New Bedford, Massachusetts
- Communities United, INC. Head Start Training, Watertown, Massachusetts
- Millersville University Early Childhood Administration/Curriculum Class, Millersville, Pennsylvania
- WACAP Head Start Training, Danielson & Willimantic, Connecticut
- Child and Family Development Program, St. Johnsbury, Vermont
- Ysleta Independent School District Early Childhood Training, El Paso, Texas, 2000, 2001, 2002
- Cape Cod Child Development Program, INC./Head Start Training, Hyannis, Massachusetts
- Child Care Resource Center Winter Workshop Series, Burlington, Vermont
- Northwest/Franklin County Early Childhood Training, St. Albans, Vermont
- Teen Parent Programs, El Paso, Texas
- Washington County Family Center Annual Fall Conference & Training, Barre, Vermont
- Champlain Islands Parent-Child Center Training, Grand Island, Vermont
- Vermont College Early Childhood Special Education Programs
- Franklin County Early Childhood Programs 2005
- Spring Conference for Early Childhood, Lyndon State College, Lyndonville, Vermont
- Early Childhood Education Symposium (Stern Center for Language and Learning in Partnership With the American Academy of Pediatrics) Burlington, Vermont
- Chittenden County Child Care Resource Spring Conference, South Burlington, Vermont (2006)

COLLEGES WHERE GARY HAS GUEST LECTURED & PRESENTED EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

- University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont
- Castleton College, Rutland, Vermont
- Vermont College, Montpelier, Vermont
- Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania
- William Penn University, Oskaloosa, Iowa
- Johnson State College, Johnson, Vermont
- University of Wisconsin at Whitewater
- Millersville University, Millersville, Pennsylvania