

## **MARTHA C. HALLQUIST, M.A.**

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Martha Hallquist holds degrees from Centenary College of Louisiana and the University of Northern Colorado. She taught elementary school in Indiana, followed by 15 years of studio piano teaching in Georgia and Colorado. She began the first early childhood music program in Middle Georgia, as well as the first in Northern Colorado, the latter program now serving approximately 400 children from birth to age 9.

As Director of Teacher Development for Musikgarten, Martha works with experienced early childhood music and movement educators from around the country. As Director of Publications for the Foundation for Music-Based Learning, she works with Foundation President Lorna Heyge to bring the benefits of music and movement to more children, including children in Head Start settings. She has been active in research funded through the Frank Porter Graham Early Childhood Research Institute in Chapel Hill, NC, which has studied how music affects young children's readiness skills, and is producing Foundation reports summarizing how music benefits children and families.

Martha was editor of the Early Childhood Music and Movement Association's quarterly before becoming founding editor of *Early Childhood Connections: Journal of Music- and Movement-Based Learning*, the only professional journal in the field of early childhood music education. She has edited several music education books and has authored articles on developmentally appropriate music practice and on building musical dispositions for life.

Martha is active as a presenter and in 2005 spoke at the North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Virginia Music Educators Associations state conferences. She also offered the keynote address at the Early Childhood Music and Movement Association's Southeast Regional Conference. She spoke to the 2004 MENC National Conference in Minneapolis and to MENC's 2003 Northwest Regional Conference, as well as to music educators' state conferences in Colorado, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

As one of Musikgarten's 13 national teacher trainers, Martha is a dedicated teacher of young children and enjoys traveling to communities throughout North America to train teachers in the burgeoning field of early childhood music education. She may be contacted at [mhallquist@musikgarten.org](mailto:mhallquist@musikgarten.org).