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**SUMMARY OF SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE**

·        Over 35 years experience of independent contracting with educational and artistic organizations

·        Expertise in writing lesson plans, projects, programs

·        Excellent greeting, meeting, servicing the public skills

·        Excellent organizational skills

**ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE**

**Teaching /Traveling Artist**

**Revels-Bey Music - Uniondale, NY                                                                                        2004-Present**

Teaching Artist-in-Residence ~ Artist-in-Residency Program

·        In-School Program visiting schools in the Bronx and Queens

·        Implemented complete lesson plan for students consisting of making their own instruments

·        Worked with ages 8-10 years, grades 2, 4, ESL, Special Education, teachers, aides, administrators

**Caribbean Cultural Center – New York, NY                                                                       2006 - 2009**

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**The Queens Borough Public Library - Jamaica, NY                                                            2004-2009**

Children and Youth Program Services/Young Adults

·        Visited libraries throughout Queens

·        Taught hands-on Make & Take Gourd Instrument workshops

·        Worked in the Summer and After-School Programs with ages 6 - 14 years, grades 1 - 8, parents, librarians

**Brooklyn Public Library - Brooklyn, NY                                                                              2003-2006**

Office of Young Adults/Children's Services, Youth and Family Program

·        Visited libraries throughout Brooklyn

·        Taught hands-on Make & Take Gourd Instrument workshops

·        Worked in the After-School and Weekend Programs with ages 5-12 years, grades K-6, parents, librarians

**The New York Public Library - New York, NY                                                                    1998-2003**

Office for Adults and Young Adults, Office of Children's Services of the New York Library

·        Visited 48 libraries in Manhattan, the Bronx, Staten Island

·        Taught hands-on Make & Take Gourd Instrument workshops, Gourd Lecture/Demonstrations

·        Worked in the After-School Program with ages 5-12 years, grades 2-6, parents, librarians

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

·        Exhibited, performed, taught, at Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum-Africa: The Art of a Continent                                                                                                                                    1996

·        Exhibited, performed, taught, at Goddard-Riverside Community Center's 29th annual art show-Mbira, Ood and Tilaphone and Other Extraordinary Handmade Musical Instruments             1993

·        Performed in "Njinga the Queen King" at Brooklyn's Academy of Music's Majestic Theater 1993

·        Exhibited and conducted workshops at The Museum of Natural History-Black History Month-

Gourd exhibit                                                                                                                              1992

**EDUCATION** B.A. Speech Pathology/Audiology, Minor in Education, Pace University-Manhattan Campus of New York, NY