

Debbie Clement

Debbie Clement brings a patchwork quilt of experience to all of her performances, from concert and stage to staff development. With over thirty years of experience working with children, she has been a classroom teacher, an administrator, and now serves as a consultant for her company "Rainbows Within Reach." The Arts are Debbie's passion and she weaves her love of music and movement together with storytelling, humor, sign language, and vivid, visual props and costumes.

Clement received the Ella Lyman Cabot Award for her excellence in music programs for young children with special needs. Her experience serving a diverse population of children informs all of her presentations. She has written and recorded nine CDs of original songs for children. These songs are appreciated in schools, libraries, and homes across the country and are known happily as "Debbie's Ditties."

Debbie now travels as author/illustrator, having translated her songs *You're Wonderful*, *Tall Giraffe*, and *Red, White and Blue* into bold, graphic picture books. She chose to underscore the text of each with playful, graphic 'quiltlets' of color. Sign language charts & music notation are included to support the text.

Her first nationally award winning project is a music DVD entitled: "Kweezletown: Let's Work Together", an hour-long visual format of her first songs brought to life with puppets, props and animation. This work has been awarded national recognition from the Dove Foundation with their "Family Approved" seal.



Ms. Clement presents programs through the Greater Columbus Arts Council's Artist-in-the-Schools program. She has long been associated with Very Special Arts and the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Debbie continues her travels around the world and sang with our troops & their children for a celebration of Month of the Military Child across Germany and Italy. She also performed and toured in Reggio Emilia, Italy!

"You're invited to be delighted" whether planning an event for 50 or 500.

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