

To all my past and present ORFF at SING MOVE PLAY students and their families,

What a wonderful privilege it has been to work with and make music with the thousands of children and families at ORFF at SING MOVE PLAY! Over the years many of you have become a part of my extended family and I have had the privilege of watching your young children grow not only musically but into fine young adults. It was always so important for me to instill the 'joy' of music into my teaching so that music could be developed as a life skill. What a delight it is to then to hear from some of you that your music has also become a part of your professional world as educators, performers and composers.

With only 24 hours in a day and 7 days a week, I have made the difficult decision to close the doors of my studio at ORFF at SING MOVE PLAY. I am continuing to consult and compose; develop curriculum; deliver residencies, sensory arts programming for special needs, workshops, and teacher training. You see . . . I STILL need more hours in the day!!!!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!!!!

. . . . **To all of you moms, dads, grandpas and grandmas** who came to SING MOVE PLAY and made music with your children

. . . . **To all you parents** who understood the value of music for your children and when you were unable to be with them at the studio found ways to ensure that your children were there

. . . . **To North Glenmore Park** for being such a terrific home to ORFF at SING MOVE PLAY for so many years

. . . . **To Calgary Child Magazine** for the many years of advertising - we grew together - thank you for your friendship, service and expertise – it has been awesome

. . . . **To the Children** - your energy, creativity, your brilliant ideas made the music come alive - you improvised, created, developed, composed and celebrated the joy of joyful music making that always moved from process to brilliant performances that inspired so many

To all of you! May you *always feel* the music around you and inside of you! May you *always hear* rhythm and melody in everything that you do! May you *always see* harmonies in the wind, rain and sunshine! May music *always be* a part of your journey and give you strength through life's joys, sorrows and times of turbulence.

And finally . . . Know that each of you dear children and your families have enriched my life with your gifts of music, movement, joy and song!

In this global world I look forward to our paths crossing. I will continue to watch for and hear where your life path leads you! So until then . . .

Thank you for inspiring me with your joy, laughter, creativity and energy - You **are** the music! With much admiration, respect and gratitude for our ORFF at SING MOVE PLAY time together!

Hugs to you all!

Miss Debra

