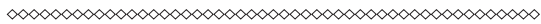


## About Cyd

Cyd Slotoroff is a professional singer-songwriter, guitarist, and recording artist with over 20 years experience. She has spent her professional career addressing issues that impact the well-being and development of youth as an educator, performer, certified music therapist and as a diversity trainer with the Anti-Defamation League. Cyd approaches her school programs with sensitivity, creativity, humor, experience and a genuine fondness for the energy and honesty of young people.

In addition to school settings, Cyd has worked with children and adolescents in residential, psychiatric, and pediatric settings. As a diversity trainer for the Anti-Defamation League and for True Colors, Inc., she has worked with students, teachers, and social workers in schools throughout CT.

Cyd has several recordings of original music to her credit, and has been lauded by the likes of Pete Seeger, who calls her "... a wonderful singer, songwriter and song leader."



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*"I learned that it's ok  
to be different and to  
respect people's  
differences.  
I also learned you  
need to stick up for  
what you believe in.  
I saw things from  
other people's point of  
view."*

*~ Middle School Student  
Isaac School, New London*



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*Cyd Slotoroff*

Toward a  
Positive School Climate

## Positive School Climate

Young Audiences Arts for Learning Connecticut is committed to developing and promoting programs that aim to improve school climate through the arts. Cyd Slotoroff provides inspiring in-class workshops and performances as well as residencies.

### Program Objectives:

- Students will increase their understanding of the effects of their words and behavior on themselves and each other.
- Students will acquire skills to stand up for themselves and for those being ridiculed or rejected.

Curriculum Links: Character Education, Health/Life Skills, Language Arts, Music and Social Studies.

*"I like the stories in your songs because I think that stories like those give you the courage and will to want to do the right thing, and maybe try to change something you've done wrong. Or maybe even support other people who are having troubles."*

Middle School Student  
Bolden Center School

*"Your message fit perfectly with our character education program. The songs and themes were a wonderful extension to our lessons about diversity, courage, and peer-pressure. My seventh graders, who normally are not impressed with much, were glued to your every word. Your songs were the perfect lead to discussions that really made students reflect and think about their own personal code of ethics."*

Elizabeth Lazzari, Teacher  
North Branford Intermediate School



*"Delightful, powerful, and very engaging! Students related immediately. The lyrics hit home; they saw themselves in all those situations. From their expressions, I could tell it made them stop and think. Your program ties in with everything we're trying to do with social development."*

Kathy Lembo, 2nd Grade, Teacher  
Worthington Hooker School, New Haven

## Cyd Slotoroff Programs:

### Creating Community: Appreciating Differences (Grades 4 – 19)

Drawing on the power of contemporary folk music, Cyd sings true songs about young people's experiences and solicits discussion drawn from feelings and issues in the songs. In a small group forum, students talk honestly about how they treat each other - about friendship, popularity, status, and the pressures to fit in. Cyd encourages students to share and develop strategies for taking a stand for themselves and others to create a more safe and respectful community.

### We Can Get Along (Grades K – 3)

Students listen, move, sing along and even co-create songs about friendship, fairness, respecting others, and solving problems with peers. This playful and interactive assembly features songs that bring character education to life.