

Multi-lingual, Parents' Choice Award winner and Aesthetic Education Teaching Artist Robbi K is one of the few African American women to have achieved national recognition in the field of children's music. Unlike many of today's children's musicians, Robbi's background is not in rock, but rather is in jazz, pop, and world beat. For years she has maintained an active schedule as a back-up singer with such artists as Mary J. Blige, Chaka Khan, Aretha Franklin, Jewel, Diana Ross, Rod Stewart, and Harry Belafonte among others. Her TV appearances with these artists include Oprah, 60 Minutes, Rosie, Regis & Kathie Lee, The View, VH-1 Storytellers, The Today Show, and Late Night with David Letterman. Robbi K is married to Grammy-winning bassist Bakithi Kumalo, whose longstanding association with Paul Simon since Graceland is a story unto itself. Robbi K & Friends' concerts showcase material from Robbi's award-winning albums while also including a selection of other "Robbi favorites." Backed by a four-member band, Robbi K gets silly, connects people, celebrates culture and encourages the audience to open themselves to the sheer joy of music.