

VIRGINIA ARTS FESTIVAL

The Rhythm Report

Volume 31

Summer 2010

Greetings,

Thank you for your support this summer and for your continuous efforts to get the word out about the Rhythm Project. September is a crucial month for us as we embark upon the recruiting and audition process for students to participate in our family of ensembles during the upcoming academic year. Thus far, three ensembles are up and running in addition to the All Stars: the newly implemented Junior All Stars, Salem High School Steel band and the Governor's School for the Arts African Drumming Ensemble. We are currently in the process of recruiting students for our three Rising Stars ensembles in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach. We are excited to share the art of playing this unique instrument with as many students as possible during the upcoming school year. Please help us spread the word!



Sincerely,

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Performance/ Activity Calendar

Thursday, October 7 & 14, 2010

Virginia Beach Rising Stars Auditions
Virginia Beach 6th - 8th grade students
encouraged to audition
Kempville Middle School
Virginia Beach, VA
4:30 - 6:30 PM

Monday, October 18, 2010

Hampton Roads Rising Stars Auditions
Norfolk and Portsmouth 6th - 8th grade
students encouraged to audition
Virginia Arts Festival Building
Norfolk, VA
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturday, October 30, 2010

Towne Bank Fall Extravaganza
All Stars
Towne Bank
5806 Harbour View Blvd.
Suffolk, VA
4:30 - 6:00 PM

Friday, November 19, 2010

Rhythm Project Showcase Concert
Salem, Junior All Stars, All Stars
Attucks Theatre
Norfolk, VA
8:00 PM



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Performance Review Summer 2010

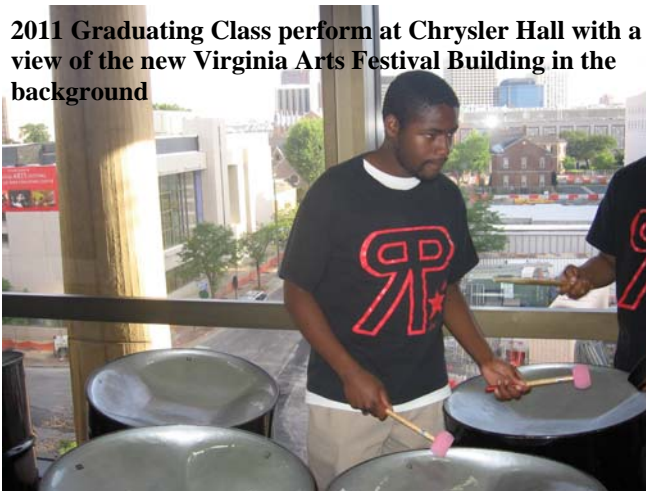
The Rhythm Project Summer Jobs program included eight performances throughout the Hampton Roads community from June 15 to August 31.

Included among this summer's performances were concerts at **Virginia Beach Town Center** on June 26 and August 1.

The All Stars 2011 graduating class was privileged to entertain and get acquainted with Virginia Arts Festival staff and donors on August 10 during the final **Capital Campaign Luncheon** at Chrysler Hall.



2011 Graduating Class perform at Chrysler Hall with a view of the new Virginia Arts Festival Building in the background



The Rhythm Project also performed for private events including the **Independent Insurance Agents of Virginia Annual Conference** held at the Hilton, Virginia Beach Oceanfront, June 23.

Portsmouth's **Seawall Art Show** was also a highlight of this summer's performance schedule for the All Stars. The event was held at the High Street Landing on August 28.

Feature performances at education conventions were also a part of this summer's activities. Educators attending the **Shining Stars Conference** (July 15) and the **Virginia Association for Teachers of Consumer and Family Science Conference** (July 27) were entertained by the All Stars.



Don't Miss the 9th Annual Rhythm Project Showcase Concert

Come enjoy music of the Caribbean as we celebrate
the talent of our young people in the
Hampton Roads community

Friday, November 19, 2010
8:00 PM

Attucks Theater
1010 Church Street
Norfolk, VA

Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$5 Students
Call 757-282-2822



The Rhythm Project is currently recruiting new students!!!
You may be eligible to participate in one of the following
Rhythm Project Ensembles

Virginia Beach Rising Stars (VBRS): Thurs. 4:30-6:30 PM - Kempsville Middle School, Virginia Beach

Now open to all middle school band students in the city of Virginia Beach in addition to Brandon, Larkspur, Salem, and Kempsville Middle.

Salem High School Steelband (SHS): Tues. 2:00-4:30 PM - Salem High School, Virginia Beach

Open to students at Salem Academy and High School, Virginia Beach

Hampton Roads Rising Stars (HRRS): Mon. 6:00-8:00 PM - Virginia Arts Festival Building, Norfolk

Formerly the Portsmouth Rising Stars, this ensemble is open to middle school students in the cities of Portsmouth and Norfolk.

Norfolk Rising Stars: Fri. 8:00-9:15 AM - Fairlawn Elementary School, Norfolk

The only elementary school group in the family of Rhythm Project ensembles; this group is open to 4th and 5th grade students at Fairlawn Elementary School, Norfolk.

Junior All Stars: Thurs 6:00-8:30 PM - Virginia Arts Festival Building, Norfolk

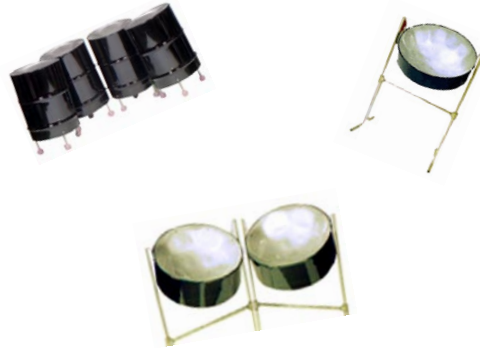
A transitional group for aspiring *All Stars*. Students must be in the 8th grade and should have 1 year prior experience.



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The Rhythm Project is a community engagement program of the Virginia Arts Festival involving elementary, middle and high school students from Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Norfolk and Hampton Public Schools. Special thanks is extended to these cities and to our sponsors.

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