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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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.

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.
Visit www.vafest.org for more information on the Rhythm Project!

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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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