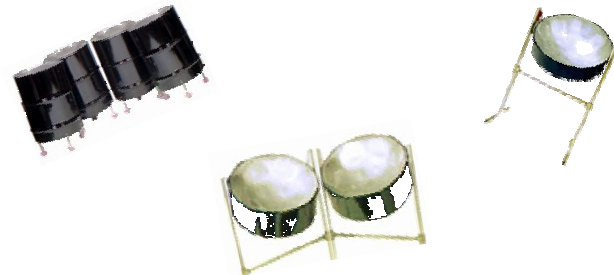




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The Rhythm Report

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Greetings,

The move into a state-of-the-Art home in August 2010 set the stage for an exciting year for the Rhythm Project. During the 2010/2011 academic year, Rhythm Project ensembles performed for an audience of over 40,000 in upwards of 50 performances throughout the Hampton Roads region. Feature performances this year included: the dedication of the *Virginia Arts Festival Robin Hixon Theater*, *Rhythm Live!*, the *Virginia International Tattoo* and the 9th Annual *PANorama Caribbean Music Fest*. Our list of activities for the Summer include: our *Summer Jobs Program*, with performances from June through September; Jumpstart Summer Camp for new and returning All Stars students; and a Graduation Ceremony/15th Anniversary Celebration. During this reception we will celebrate the impact of the Rhythm Project on the community over the past 15 years by highlighting milestones for the overall program, as well as the accomplishments of individual members. After the celebration and summer fun has all subsided, it will then be time to get to work on recruiting new students for all of our ensembles so that we can continue to share the gift of music with young people throughout Hampton Roads.

Sincerely,

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Performance/ Activity Calendar

Monday-Friday, June 20-24

Jumpstart Summer Camp
All Stars
Virginia Arts Festival
Robin Hixon Theater
Norfolk, VA
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM daily

Saturday, June 25, 2011

RP Graduation and Reunion Celebration
All Stars (Current and Alumni)
Virginia Arts Festival
Robin Hixon Theater
Norfolk, VA
6:00 PM

Monday, June 27, 2011

Camp Parkitan
All Stars
Sarah B. Hudgins Center, Hampton, VA
10:00 AM

Wednesday, June 29, 2011

Fountain Field Days
All Stars
Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
Noon - 3:00 PM

Friday, July 8, 2011

Isle of Wight Arts League Concert Series
All Stars
Gazebo Stage, Smithfield, VA
8:00 - 9:30 PM

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For a full calendar listing

RHYTHM PROJECT

2010/2011 Highlights



The Junior All Stars perform at the 9th Annual Rhythm Project Showcase Concert (11/19/10). The All Stars and Salem High School were also featured at this event.



The Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) African Drumming Ensemble and GSA Dance Department perform in a collaborative production with the All Stars for *Rhythm Live!* (2/11-2/12/11, Norfolk and 3/24/11, Newport News).



The Norfolk Rising Stars at Fairlawn Elementary School perform at Military Circle Mall (3/30/2011). This 4th/5th grade group performed at 3 additional events this year including the Downtown Norfolk Council Annual Luncheon.

The All Stars perform at their new home, the Virginia Arts Festival, Robin Hixon Theater (12/2/10). In addition to housing the All Stars, the theater now serves as a rehearsal space for two additional Rhythm Project ensembles: the Junior All Stars and Hampton Roads Rising Stars.



Salem High School Steelband performs at the Virginia State Athletic Director's Conference (3/30/2011). This ensemble performed for 12 additional events throughout the academic year including: a pre-show concert for Savion Glover (2/17/2011), an appearance at Hardee's Latin Fest (6/10/2011) and several performances at the host school.

The All Stars were a highlight of the Virginia International Tattoo as they performed with the Massed Pipes and Drums of the Canadian Forces and the Scottish Dance Theater of Virginia. There were five performances from 4/28-5/1/2011 for two student matinees and three evening shows.



The Virginia Beach Rising Stars perform for the 9th Annual PANorama Caribbean Music Fest. The Hampton Roads and Norfolk Rising Stars, All Stars/Jr. All Stars, and Salem High School also participated in this esteemed Steelband event.

Congratulations to our Graduating Class of 2011



Terrance Sawyer
Norfolk Academy
Norfolk
~
George Mason University
Neuroscience



Courtney Tucker
Tallwood High School
Virginia Beach
~
George Mason University
Music



Canden Walton
I.C. Norcom High School
Portsmouth
~
Norfolk State University
Computer Engineering



Malcolm Davis
Oscar Smith High School
Chesapeake
~
Chowan University
Music Education



Benjamin Hayes
Churchland High School
Portsmouth
~
Virginia Military Institute



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Churchland High School
Portsmouth
~
VA Commonwealth University
Business Admin and Mgmt



Rhea Tucker
Tallwood High School
Virginia Beach
~
George Mason University
Music



Ryan Roberts
Tallwood High School
Virginia Beach
~
Tidewater Community College
Music Education



Jaquan Starks
Churchland High School
Portsmouth
~
Liberty University
Secondary Education



Dejah Carter
Churchland High School
Portsmouth
~
Tidewater Community College
History Education