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The Rhythm Report

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Greetings,

As the holidays approach and the year winds down, there is no time more appropriate to thank each and every one of you for your generosity throughout the year. Our parents, donors and supporters have made 2011 an exceptional year for the Rhythm Project. With over 45 performances including a collaborative scene with the Massed Pipes and Drums of the Canadian Armed Forces at the Virginia International Tattoo, the Rhythm Project continues to earn recognition both locally and internationally. If you were not able to attend our performances this year, we hope that you are excited about getting involved in 2012!


There are several activities and performances coming up during the New Year including *Rhythm Live!* at the Harrison Opera House. This collaborative performance with the Governor's School for the Arts Dance and Instrumental Departments is full of rhythmic and visual creativity. Don't miss next year's production at our new venue. Thanking you once again for your continuing support.

Happy Holidays from the Rhythm Project!

Sincerely,


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Performance/ Activity Calendar

Saturday, January 5, 2012

Salem VPAA Showcase
RP Salem SunDevil Steel Drum Band
Virginia Beach, VA
6:00 pm

Saturday, January 14, 2012

African American Heritage Day
Celebration
All Stars
Children's Museum of Virginia
Portsmouth, VA
12:30, 2:30 and 3:30 pm

Monday, January 16, 2012

Martin Luther King March & Observance
Norfolk Rising Stars
Chrysler Hall
Norfolk, VA
Time TBD

Friday, February 17, 2012

Rhythm Live! 2012
All Stars
Harrison Opera House
Norfolk, VA
7:30 pm
Tickets: \$15, \$10 students under 25
VAF Box Office, 1-800-982-ARTS,
or Ticketmaster.com

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For a full calendar listing

RHYTHM PROJECT

Fall 2011 Performance Review



A talented and confident *All Stars* ensemble performed for an engrossed audience at *Gloria Dei Lutheran's Heart and Soul* series in Hampton, VA on Saturday, November 5. The performance featured the ensemble's revived repertoire interspersed with brief explanations about the history of the steel drums.

This performance followed an appearance at the *Virginia Arts Festival's* donor *Season Announcements* on Wednesday, October 26 at the Robin Hixon Theater.

To kick off the fall season, the All Stars were featured at Chrysler Hall Dress Circle as part of the *Virginia Symphony Orchestra's (VSO) Young Musicians' Showcase* on Saturday, September 24.



The pre-show concert at state of the art Chrysler Hall was well received by patrons attending the VSO's performance of *The Blue Planet Live*.

The *Rhythm Project Salem Sundevil Steel Band* has done three performances at the ensemble's host school since the beginning of the academic year for the following events: *Salem High Fall Band Concert* (10/19), *Salem Visual and Performing Arts Academy Showcase* (12/1), *Salem High Holiday Pops* (12/13). Comprised of 25 students, the ensemble has made excellent progress during a relatively brief period.



The Rhythm Project is currently recruiting students, grades 6-8 for the Hampton Roads Rising Stars (Norfolk - Mondays, 6:00 PM) and the Junior All Stars (Portsmouth - Thursdays, 6:00 PM)

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Don't Miss
Rhythm Live! 2012

Featuring
The Rhythm Project
All Stars

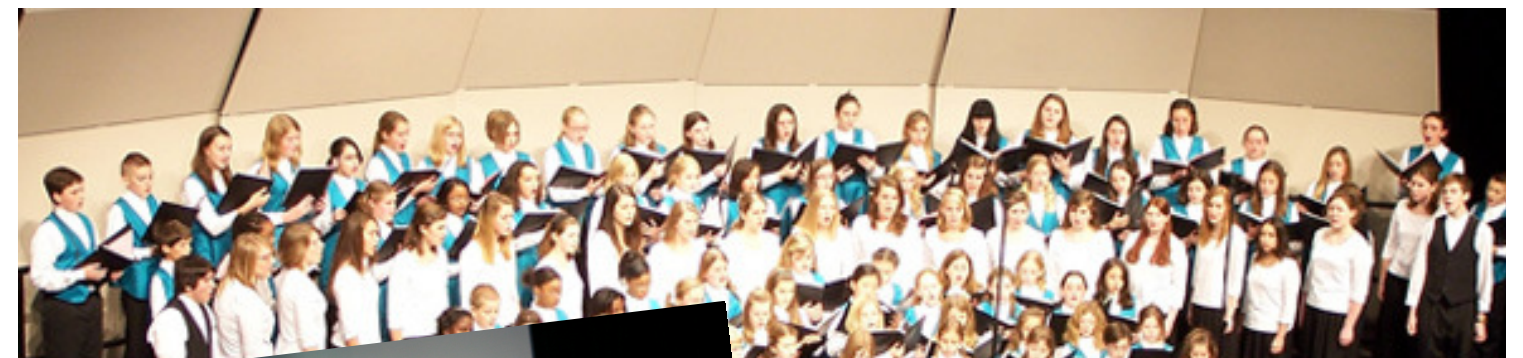
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A Fall Celebration was Exceptional!!!



The Rhythm Project All Stars and Virginia Children's Chorus (VCC) Choristers joined forces during a stellar Pre-Thanksgiving performance at the TCC Roper Performing Arts Center on Sunday, November 20. Caribbean folk and American pop music were performed jointly under the direction of VCC's founder, Carol Thomas Downing.

If you missed the Rhythm Project's performances this fall you can still catch us next year!

Friday, February 17, 2012 7:30 PM

Rhythm Live!

Harrison Opera House, Norfolk

Saturday, May 12, 2012, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

10th Annual PANorama Caribbean Music Fest

Seaside Palladium at 24th Street Oceanfront Park, Virginia Beach, VA