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# VIRGINIA ARTS FESTIVAL

## The Rhythm Report

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Greetings,

Summer is quickly approaching and the Rhythm Project is gearing up for an exciting season with fun-filled activities and performances including: the All Stars Summer Camp, several local performances and a weekend trip to Luray, VA. We certainly hope that you will be able to join us for one of our performances during July and August. Our summer activities follow a busy and successful spring for all of our ensembles.

Some of the highlights this spring included: the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual PANorama Caribbean Music Fest (during which, the All Stars and Virginia Beach Rising Stars walked away with the highest ratings in their categories) and a performance in Kemah, TX. Performances by the Norfolk Rising Stars, Salem High School, Junior All Stars and York School of the Arts at in-school and community venues rounded out the Rhythm Project's list of 50 plus performances for the academic year.

Please join us for great Caribbean entertainment during one of our summer activities. Thank you for your support during the 2011/2012 academic year!

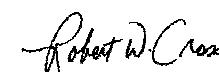
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### Performance/ Activity Calendar

Saturday, July 14, 2012

East Beach Concert Series  
All Stars  
4550 East Beach Drive  
Norfolk, VA  
3:00 - 6:00 PM

Monday, July 16, 2012

Summer Student Matinee for La Petite  
Learning Academy  
All Stars  
Robin Hixon Theater at Clay and Jay  
Barr Education Center  
Norfolk, VA  
10:30 - 12:00 NOON

Friday, July 27, 2012

Town of Luray Summer Concert Series  
All Stars  
Luray Town Center  
Luray, VA  
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Saturday, August 11, 2012

Virginia CaribFest  
All Stars  
Town Point Park  
Norfolk, VA  
Time TBD

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For a full calendar listing

# RHYTHM PROJECT

## 2011/2012 Year in Review

### 9 Ensembles ~ 4 Cities ~ 50+ Performances



All Stars interact with audience during a performance at Gloucester Arts on Main

Dick Welton 2012



Kathryn Rincker 2012

Salem High School performs at the 10th Annual PANorama Caribbean Music Fest (above). The ensemble did 7 additional performances during the academic year.

The *Rhythm Project's* 50+ performances during the 2011/2012 academic year included in-school and community performance in the cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Hampton, Newport News, Williamsburg and Gloucester, Virginia and in Kemah, Texas.

Upward of 140 fourth through twelfth grade students in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach and York County were involved in *Rhythm Project* ensembles this year.

Rhythm Project Associate Director works one-on-one with student at the Virginia Beach Renaissance Academy



Virginia Beach Rising Stars at Virginia Beach All City Festival



York County School of the Arts students try their hands at the Steel Drums during a recruiting workshop



Governor's School for the Arts African Drumming Ensemble performs at *Rhythm Live!* 2012 at the Harrison Opera House (left).



David Polston 2012



RHYTHM PROJECT ENSEMBLES EARN TOP SCORES  
in their categories at the

**10th Annual PANorama Caribbean Music Fest**  
**May 12, 2012**

All Stars win High School category

Virginia Beach Rising Stars win Middle School category

Salem High School and Norfolk Rising Stars earn Silver ratings

*All Stars featured in Kemah, Texas*  
*March 23-25, 2012*

The *Rhythm Project All Stars* were featured guests at the **Kemah Pan Jam**, March 24, 2012. For members of the *All Stars*, this trip represented rare opportunities for artistic growth and exposure through performance, an educational experience via a visit to NASA-Johnson Space Center in Houston and lots of fun on the Kemah Boardwalk. The ensemble received rave reviews from the Texas audience!



Performance

Education

Fun

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Karen Williams 2012

February 22, 2013

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