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The Rhythm Report

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Greetings,

It seems like only a few weeks ago that we had our fall recruiting drive and suddenly the summer is upon us. The final weeks of school brings with it several performances that wrap up two semesters worth of dedication for Rhythm Project ensembles throughout the region. Please support our ensembles during the performances listed on the right and be sure to catch the All Stars throughout the summer. While we are excited and look forward to the warm months ahead, it is also important to take a look back at our accomplishments this past year.

The 2012-2013 academic year was quite a successful one, with more than 140 students being impacted by the Rhythm Project in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach and York County. Our eight ensembles will have performed for over 40 events by the end of the school year. With the change in the season from spring to summer also brings with it a staffing change for the Rhythm Project.

We are pleased to welcome Sade Constantine, who will take on the position of Associate Director, while Dave Longfellow will be promoted to the Director position. Sophia Subero will be leaving us for pursuits in the Washington D.C. metro area. Thank you for your continued support of the Rhythm Project. We look forward to seeing you this summer! Sincerely,

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Performance/ Activity Calendar

Saturday, June 8, 2013

Norfolk Harborfest
All Stars
Town Point Park, Norfolk
12:30 - 1:45 PM

Sunday, June 9, 2013

Williamsburg's Second Sundays
York County School of Performing Arts (SOA)
Downtown Williamsburg
3:30 - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Sail Nauticus
All Stars
Nauticus, Norfolk
5:30 - 7:00 PM

Monday-Friday, June 17-21, 2013

All Stars Summer Camp
Robin Hixon Theater, Norfolk
9-5 daily; 6:30 performance Friday

Sunday, June 30, 2013

King's Grant Presbyterian Performance
All Stars
Virginia Beach
4:00-5:00 PM

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For a full calendar listing

RHYTHM PROJECT

SPRING 2013 PERFORMANCE REVIEW



Performances during the spring semester included:

Arrowhead Elementary Cultural Night - VBRS (3/28)

Virginia Beach City Public Schools All City Festival - VBRS (4/13)

Fairlawn Elementary Spring PTA Program - NRS (4/16)

SOA Rhythmic Arts Jubilee - SOA (4/18)

Meet and Greet the Arts - All Stars (4/19)

Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel Grand Re-opening - All Stars (5/23)

Meet SADE CONSTANTINE The Rhythm Project's new Associate Director



Sade Constantine comes to the Rhythm Project from Long Island, NY where she has resided since age 5. She was born in Brooklyn, NY to Trinidadian parents. Sade's first musical instrument was the cello, which she was introduced to in elementary school. After taking notice of her love for music, her parents sought instruction in the Steelpan for her with Ruben Nelson of Adlib Steel Orchestra.

Sade has performed with several steelbands including: *Adlib Steel Orchestra* for 14 years, *New Horizon Youth Steel Orchestra*, *Pan Rebels*, *Pantonic*, *Trinidad All-Stars Steel Orchestra*, *Desperadoes of Trinidad* and, most recently, *Pan Sonatas Steel Orchestra*, where she is also a musical arranger. Note-worthy performances have included multiple appearances at New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts with Adlib and as a soloist at Afrika House, Brooklyn, NY.

Ms. Constantine has received numerous awards for her academic and musical achievements on cello and Steelpan including the highest ratings at the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Festival, Certificates of Merit from Members of Assembly Maureen O'Connell and Kevan M. Abrams for outstanding service to the town of Hempstead, NY, and scholarships from the Mausica Teachers Alumni Association and the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA). In 2004 she was named the top Female Double Second Steelpan Player at Afrika House/Aquarium Productions Annual Steel Pan Competition.

Sade holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Florida Memorial University.

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Rhythm Live! Highlights



This year's performance featured:
Perfectly synchronized
African Drummers,
High-energy dancers

And the rockin' Rhythm Project
All Stars Steelband (below)



Don't miss next year's
Rhythm Live!
performance
Friday, February 21, 2014
Harrison Opera House, Norfolk

11th Annual PANorama Caribbean Music Fest

Four Rhythm Project ensembles performed at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront on May 11 for the annual festival



All ensembles received silver ratings:
Virginia Beach Rising Stars (left)
Norfolk Rising Stars
Salem High School
All Stars

Join the fun next year at the
24th Street Oceanfront Park
Virginia Beach
May 9-10, 2014