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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

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Larchmont Auditions (4th and 5th Graders)
Larchmont Elementary Schools
3:30-6:00 PM

Sunday, November 10, 2013

Norfolk Education Foundation
All-Stars Combo
Temple Israel, Norfolk
TBD

Saturday, November 23, 2013

Grand Illumination Parade
All-Stars
The Plot, Downtown Norfolk
4:30-8:30 PM

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For a full calendar listing

RHYTHM PROJECT

A “Classical” Moment for the All-Stars



It has truly been a long year for the All-Stars, but with every task given they have delivered. This year the All-Stars had the opportunity to perform amongst some of the best young talent around the country. From The Top is a nationally syndicated radio show that showcases young classical musicians across the country. Their goal is to inspire and build audiences who can gain a new appreciation for classical music.

During the year, the All-Stars practiced rigorously to prepare their rendition of Gioacchino Rossini's “Overture to Barber Seville” arranged by Director Dave Longfellow. A simple, yet complicated orchestration, the All-Stars performed to an audience that reached the ears of over a million listeners. This accomplishment could not go unmentioned as they made the Virginia Arts Festival very proud. Congratulation Rhythm Project All-Stars on a job well done.

To hear this performance visit the website www.fromthetop.org (Airdate: June 28th, 2014)



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Rhythm Live 2014

Like previous years the All-Stars put on their annual showcase Rhythm Live. This year Rhythm Live took place at the Harrison Opera House, and was full of entertainment as expected. With help from the Todd Rosenlieb Dancers (TRD) and the Governor School African Drummers the show truly exemplified the story of the twin islands Trinidad and Tobago, and the progression of the steel pan instrument.

Performing three shows in one day, the All Stars and friends had the pleasure of entertaining students from all over. They performed several selections, and had the crowd involved every step of the way. It was very hard to miss the sounds of the audience voice protruding to the stage as they sang along to “Dynamite”. A well rounded show that leaves you entertained, yet informed it is hard not to want to see it again.

Mark your calendars Rhythm Live 2015 will be held on March 27, 2015.



R.P. All-Stars WINS High School Category at PANorama Caribbean Music Festival

