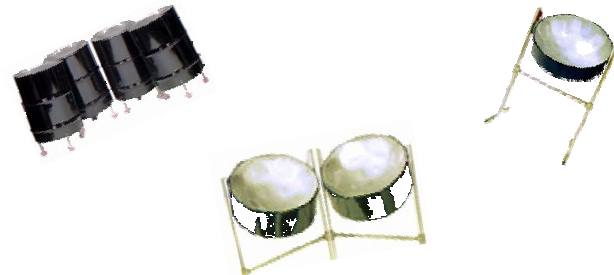




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# VIRGINIA ARTS FESTIVAL

## The Rhythm Report

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**Winter/Spring 2011**

Greetings,

It is almost that time of year when nature brings color, warmth and vitality back into our lives. The pleasant Virginia weather in the Spring brings with it several opportunities for Rhythm Project ensembles to perform in the community. The Virginia International Tattoo and 9th Annual PANorama Caribbean Music Fest are among several events at which Rhythm Project steelbands will be featured. These events follow a spectacular winter season which included four *Rhythm Live!* performances in February and March reaching a combined audience of approximately twenty-five hundred. Preparations for our spring and summer performance seasons are underway. Five Rhythm Project ensembles at Salem High School, Kempsville Middle School, Fairlawn Elementary School, as well as the All Stars and Hampton Roads Rising Stars are hard at work in an effort to maintain a high standard of performance at Virginia Beach's PANorama Caribbean Music Fest competition on May 7. Our students will greatly appreciate your support during their performances. On their behalf, we invite you to come out to this all day family event at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront. We look forward to seeing you throughout the spring and summer this year!

Sincerely,

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### Performance/ Activity Calendar

#### 9th Annual PANorama Caribbean Music Fest

May 6-7, 2011

Hands on Steel-drum workshops  
Friday, May 6  
10:00AM - 4:00PM  
Virginia Beach Convention Center

All day Steelband Competition  
Saturday, May 7  
10:00AM - 6:00PM

FREE Headliner Performances  
by Steel Sensation  
Friday-Saturday, May 6-7  
8:00 - 10:00PM

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

African American Travel Conference  
All Stars  
Virginia Beach Convention Center  
Virginia Beach, VA  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Friday-Sunday, April 29-May 1, 2011

Virginia International Tattoo  
All Stars  
Scope Arena, Norfolk, VA  
4/29 and 4/30, 7:30 PM  
5/1, 2:30 PM

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**RHYTHM PROJECT**

Winter 2011 Performance Review



Salem High School Steelband performing at the Virginia Beach City Schools' African American Male Summit, January 8

Salem High School's Rhythm Project ensemble had a busy start to the year with performances at host school's open house (1/7) and at the Virginia Beach African American Male Summit at Renaissance Academy (1/8). This talented group was also featured during a pre-show performance for *Savion Glover: SoLo in Time* at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts (2/17).

The Virginia Beach Rising Stars had their debut performance for the academic year at Fairfield Elementary School's Multi-Cultural Night on Monday, February 21. The event attracted approximately 250 students and relatives of Fairfield Elementary School.

In addition to three *Rhythm Live!* performance at the Roper Theater, Norfolk and an additional show at the Downing Gross Cultural Arts Center, Newport News, the All Stars were featured at First United Methodist Church, Fox Hill, Hampton.

The All Stars performing for the congregation members at First United Methodist Church Fox Hill, Hampton on March 26



The Rhythm Project Norfolk Rising Stars at Fairlawn Elementary School performed for an ecstatic audience during host school's Black History Month Program on Tuesday, February 15.

Don't Miss out on the beach fun at the  
9th Annual PANorama Caribbean Music Fest

May 6-7, 2011

*A musical adventure that fuses together the rhythm of steel drums, ocean breezes, and great Caribbean food transforming the breathtaking Virginia Beach Oceanfront into an island paradise!*

**Saturday, May 7, 10am-6pm:** See over 20 bands from throughout the US perform; including 5 Rhythm Project ensembles.

**Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7, 8:00-10:00pm:** Free Headliner Concerts featuring one of New York's leading steelbands, Steel Sensation.

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Congratulations  
on another SUPERB  
*Rhythm Live!*  
performance



Many thanks to those of you who patronized *Rhythm Live!* 2011. This year's production featured a cast of over seventy high school students from the Governor's School for the Arts Instrumental and Dance Departments alongside the Rhythm Project All Stars. Two student matinees were presented to a sold out Roper Theater in Norfolk on Friday, February 11. The cast performed for a great crowd during the public performance on Saturday, February 12. A modified version of the show was presented on Thursday, March 24 at the Downing Gross Cultural Arts Center, Newport News.

“...Teachers, parents and especially our students marveled at the creativity and talented performers. Some of our friends were literally on the edge of their seats during the performance!”  
School Administrator attending *Rhythm Live!*



Performance/Activity  
Calendar Cont'd

Wednesday, March 30

Showcase for Music in Schools Month  
Norfolk Rising Stars  
Military Circle Mall  
Norfolk, VA  
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

VA State Athletic Director's Conference  
Salem High School  
Norfolk Waterside Marriott  
5:00 - 6:00 PM

Saturday, April 2

Cherry Blossom Festival  
Virginia Beach Rising Stars  
Red Wing Park, Virginia Beach, VA  
1:30 - 2:30 PM

Saturday, April 9

Virginia Beach All City Festival  
Virginia Beach Rising Stars  
Sandler Center, Virginia Beach, VA  
7:00 - 8:30PM