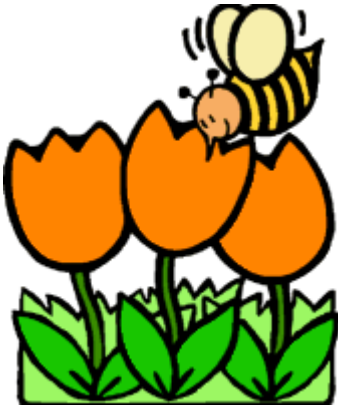




DDC News Notes



THE DINKY DRUM COMPANY, LLC

NEW LOCATION

In November of 2008, the Dinky Drum Company, LLC purchased the property at 2213 Wichita Street; Houston, TX 77004 to expand our business and musical services. We are very excited about our new place of business. The process for converting a residential property to a commercial property has taken longer than anticipated and we are grateful to you for your continued business and support while we've been at our temporary location here at Project Row Houses.

The Dinky Drum Company, LLC is the parent company of DDC Entertainment; The DDC School of Music; DDC Educational Performances; and Five Sam's Music Publishing. The Dinkins Music & Art Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization is another outreach of our family of businesses.

The 2 story building located at 2213 Wichita Street (1 block north of Southmore Blvd.) will be the permanent home of the Dinky Drum Company, LLC and the Dinkins Music & Art Foundation. The building's features include: Office Spaces, Reception area, Restrooms on both floors, 6 Teaching studios, an employee lounge and a large multi-purpose room for Group classes & Rehearsals. Each area will be equipped for technology and we will have a small computer lab for student use.

Another feature of our new location will be a parking lot, handicapped ramp and landscaped grounds. After a long awaited clearance of City Permits, our contractors are resuming the renovations and we anticipate operating there by the Summer of 2010.

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Summer Holidays

DDC School of Music will be closed:

July 2 & 3

(In observance of Independence Day)

Summer Closing TBA

(which represents 1 of the 5 weeks out of the year that DDC is closed).

Dinky Drum Company, LLC

Staff

Samuel Dinkins, III - Director
Phaedra Dinkins - Manager
Veronica Gamez - Admin. Asst.

Instructors

Vernon Daniels - Percussion
Samuel Dinkins, IV - Percussion
Derrick James - Percussion
Richard Saldivar - Guitar
Gerald Steward - Woodwind

2010 RECITAL PREPERATION!

The DDC School of Music Annual Recital is scheduled for **Saturday, June 5, 2010 @ 3:00 P.M.** in the afternoon at St. James Episcopal Church's Worship Center. The buzz has already begun amongst our staff and Solo's, Duet & Ensemble parts are being assigned in your private lessons. This years treat will be featured performances by our graduating High School Seniors, the "And the Siblings Play" segment, and the "It's A Family Affair" segment that includes our music students and their parents. Don't miss out on the excitement happening at DDC School of Music!

As we approach the recital date more information will be provided about tickets, congratulatory & business ads and additional opportunities to participate. Always remember to remind our future stars of tomorrow to **practice, practice, practice.**

Important Skills your child learns by studying music

1. **Self Confidence**. Being able to go from learning notes and rhythms to producing meaningful music instills in your child a sense of accomplishment and self confidence.
2. **Coordination**. Hand, eye, body posture, thought, and breath control, all working together are the ingredients for playing a musical instrument. These coordination skills transfer to many other aspects of life.
3. **Teamwork**. Every child wants to be part of a group. Music allows everyone to belong by being an important part of the team.
4. **Comprehension**. Learning to perceive and derive meaning from musical sounds, sharpens your child's ability to comprehend abstractions.
5. **Problem Solving**. Learning the basics of musical language and interpreting a work through performance teaches your child the ability to understand a problem and reach an appropriate solution.
6. **Discipline**. By learning all of the basics of music and applying them correctly to a work, take perception and discipline.



BLUNDERS AND WONDERS

- CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER.**
1. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?
 - A. BROCCOLI
 - B. BEGONIA
 - C. VIOLA
 - D. GORGANZOLA
 2. IF YOU WERE IN ROME AND WANTED TO TELL THE TAXI DRIVER TO HURRY, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WORDS WOULD YOU USE?
 - A. ET TU BRUTE
 - B. PRESTO
 - C. GESUNDHEIT
 - D. DACAPO
 - E. DOLCE FAR IETE
 3. WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?
 - A. OCARINA
 - B. CONCERTINA
 - C. TANGERINE
 - D. CELESTA
 4. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A SINGER?
 - A. COLORATURA
 - B. BRAVURA
 - C. SPUMONI
 - D. SPAGHETTI
 5. HOW MANY STRINGS HAS A BASS GUITAR?
 - A. 0
 - B. 2
 - C. 4

Mr. Dinkins Travels to China



Samuel Dinkins, III; DDC Director in Beijing, China with Music Educators Delegation

On December 11 - 21, 2009, DDC Director Samuel Dinkins, III was a part of the People to People Citizens Ambassadors Music Educators Delegation to China. The ten day trip traveled to Beijing and Shanghai. The delegations professional program consisted of visits to the China Conservatory in Beijing; the Middle School Attached to the China Conservatory in Beijing; Beijing No. 35 High School; Yanan High School in Shanghai and Aiju Elementary School in Shanghai. The cultural program included visits to Tiananmen Square (the largest public square in the world), the Forbidden City (also known as the Imperial City) and the Great Wall of China all in Beijing; and, The Bund (a local community); the Yu Garden which borders Old Town; the Shanghai Museum; and the Urban Planning

Exhibition Hall all in Shanghai. Mr. Dinkins trip to China was a once in a lifetime experience that exposed him to new ideas about music education. Among the many experiences from the professional programs, was the focus that was placed on China's rich music culture and instruments. According to Mr. Dinkins, "Every school that we visited had a curriculum designed around Chinese music and Chinese instruments along with other forms of music." "From the Erhu (a string instrument played with a bow) to the Guzheng (a string instrument that is plucked with the fingers) to the Yangqin (a percussion instrument that is played by striking mallets on stings) to the Red Flower Drum (several pitch drums from 8 in. diameters to 20 in.); each student that performed on these instruments played with passion and pride." He further went on to say that, "America is only 234 years old; but, it has a rich musical culture that includes the creation of instruments like the Drum-set and musical styles Jazz, Blues & Gospel." "America's musical culture should become a bigger part of music education in America - I like Classical music, Beethoven, Mozart, Handel; but, America has it's own classical music, Jazz and great composers like Ellington, Gershwin, Copeland and more."

Mr. Dinkins' travels has led him on a mission to give his students more passion about playing and teaching them more about America's music culture and contributions to the world of music. "E Pluribus Unum" is more evident than ever before; "Out of many, one" has created Jazz, Blues, Gospel, Rock-n-Roll and more. MADE IN AMERICA

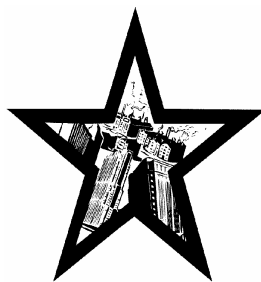
DDC STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Samuel Dinkins, IV

a Senior at the High School for Performing & Visual Arts received a Gold Medal for Region 23 Solo & Ensemble Competition and had his Senior Recital on March 1, 2010

Hunter Henderson

a 8th Grader in Pearland ISD scored Ones at the annual Solo & Ensemble Competition for his Percussion Solo and Group Ensemble.



Lauren Hollins

a Junior at Episcopal High School was a member of the winning Girls 4X400m and 4X800m team at the 2010 EHS Relays February 25 & 26

Jonathon & Matthew So

Primary & Middle Home School Students successfully competed in the regional Robotics Contest. Their entry can be seen on YouTube.com at Bro-Botics

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DDC UP AND COMING PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS

- **2010 Jazz Concert Series** ft. St. James' Jazz Ensemble and the NSB Horns Sunday, March 14, 2010 @ 6:00 P.M. *Tickets*
- DaCamera's **"Stop Look and Listen Family Series,"** Family Percussion Class and Jazz Performance with Sam Dinkins, III & World Jazz, April 10, 2010 from 3:00-5:00 P.M. *Free*
- **DDC Parent's Night Out** at Sambuca's Café (Travis & Texas) JAWAD @ 7:00 PM May 18, 2010 *RSVP for Event at DDC* Mr. Dinkins performing on Percussion *Free*
- **2010 DDC School of Music Spring Recital** on Saturday, June 5 at 3:00 PM *Tickets*

**Call Now,
Classes
filling fast**

Private/Group Music Lessons
The DDC School of Music
2010 Summer Arts Program



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