

DDC News Notes



The Dinky Drum Company School of Music



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Spring Break 2007

The Dinky Drum Company School of Music will be closed

March 13 - 17

(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 - Assistant

Instructors

Samuel Dinkins, III - Percussion
Kenneth Smith - Piano
Richard Saldivar - Guitar
Gerald Steward - Woodwind
John Henry - Brass
Adrian Kennedy - Percussion

MR. DINKINS AND STUDENTS ATTEND ED SHAUGHNESSY CLINIC

#1 Big Band Drummer! Ed Shaughnessy is perhaps best known for his 29 year tenure as drummer for Doc Severinsen's "Tonight Show" big band. He has recorded more than 500 albums with such jazz legends as Charlie Parker, Count Basie, Benny Goodman, and Clark Terry. In addition to his professional playing activities, Mr. Shaughnessy has inspired thousands of young musicians through his work as a dedicated teacher and clinician.

This tradition continued as the Trinity Episcopal Church Jazz Festival featuring Mr. Shaughnessy on January 27, 2007. Twenty students

Company attended and by the BEST.



Mr. Dinkins, Mr. Shaughnessy and DDC students

from the Dinky Drum School of Music were instructed



DINKY DRUM STUDENTS SEEN AROUND TOWN

If you were at McGonigel's Mucky Duck (2425 Norfolk St, 77098) at 9pm on Dec. 14, 2006, you would have seen a familiar face on stage. Seven year old Matthew So, student of Richard Saldivar at the Dinky Drum School of Music, performed 2 classical guitar studies and a Mexican folk duet with his teacher on stage, in front of the Irish Open Mic night audience. Matthew previously played at the June 4, 2006 Dinky Drum School of Music annual recital. To further train and encourage him to keep performing, Matthew's parents promised him the Lego toy of his choice if he would play his guitar again in public. Matthew chose the Mucky Duck venue, practiced his music, and made his parents and teachers proud. Congratulations to Matthew, Mr. Saldivar and the Dinky Drum Company School of Music!



Mr. Saldivar and Matthew So



Starbucks Rhythm Residency

As part of Houston Independent School District's continuing effort to bring music education back to public schools, the halls are alive with the sound of music at five district elementary facilities.

Each of the five schools—Emerson, Rhoads, Rusk, Travis and Wesley Elementary Schools—have been provided with new rhythm instruments, as well as music instruction from DaCamera's teaching artist Samuel Dinkins, III.

Starbucks Coffee Company, the Texas Music Project, the Robert and Janice McNair Foundation and DaCamera of Houston; worked together to make this new opportunity possible.



Mr. Dinkins and Rhoads Elementary students

HARAMBEE! IT'S KWANZAA TIME

Family Night for the Greater Channel Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. was celebrated with a KWANZAA celebration on December 9, 2006 at The Breakfast Klub. The Dinky Drum Company educational performance HARAMBEE!



Mr. Dinkins, LeBarien J. Stokes and Mr. Stokes

IT'S KWANZAA TIME was enjoyed by all in attendance.

This hands on Educational Presentation shared with attendees information about the Nguzo Saba (the 7 principals of Kwanzaa) with African Drums, Percussion and Folk Songs. As we teach about this African-American celebration, the performance gradually moves into a traditional Bembe (a gathering of people to sing, dance, play music, recite poetry and even create KWANZAA crafts).

Families were lead in the reading of poetry as the rhythms were kept by Mr. LeBarien Stokes and LeBarien J. Stokes. Mrs. Carrie Stokes organized the event with a committee of chapter members. We look forward to next year!

FOR SALE



DDC MUSIC BAGS
 DDC T-SHIRTS
 DRUM PADS
 DRUM STICKS & MALLETS
 ETHNIC PERCUSSION
 INSTRUMENT LAPEL PINS
 MUSIC BOOKS
 MUSIC DICTIONARY
 POLO SHIRTS
 SOUND SHAPES



RECITAL 2007 PREPARATION

The buzz has already started around DDC School of Music. This year's recital preparation has already begun. The recital is scheduled for **June 4, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.** at the Third Ward Multi-Purpose Center on Ennis. Solo's, Duet and Ensemble parts are being assigned in your private lessons at this time. This years treat will be, "**And the Siblings Play.**" Duet's and Trio's will be performed by (Brother - Sister) (Brother - Brother) ensembles. In addition, we will feature a Husband and Wife Duet. **Duet, ensemble and sibling rehearsals will begin in April.** 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 practice, practice, practice.



DDC STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Sean Heart** a senior at Bellaire High School has been accepted to the Music Industries Studies Program at Loyola University in New Orleans, LA along with a scholarship of \$50,000. That's the way to do it Sean!
- **Kayla Burns** a second grade student at Aldine Academy earned a position on the all A's Honor Roll. Keep up the good work Kayla!



- **Lauren Hollins** an eighth grader at Johnston Middle School earned A "1" rating and Gold Medal with the percussion ensemble at the middle school Solo & Ensemble competition held at Johnston. Lauren earned a chair in the All City Middle School Band 2007. In March, Lauren will be an exhibitor at the Engineering & Science Fair of Houston held at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Way to go Lauren!



You are the music while the music lasts.

T. S. Eliot

DDC UP AND COMING PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS

- March 4, 2007 - Katy Performing Arts Society Family Gala. 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- March 7, 2007 - "History of Jazz" @ Hoffman Middle School Aldine ISD 8:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.
- March 10, 2007 - "It's All About the BEAT" @ Houston Professional Musicians Association 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- March 27, 2007 - Sambuca's for dinner @ 7:00 p.m. with JAWAD
- April 1, 2007 - HEB Kids Festival Downtown Houston on the Kid's Directory Stage at 3:30 p.m.
- April 17, 2007 - Sambuca's for dinner @ 7:00 p.m. with JAWAD
- Sunday's @ 12:00 p.m. - St. James Episcopal Church Contemporary Jazz Service

SUMMER ARTS PROGRAMS

The Dinky Drum Company School of Music, "Summer Arts Programs," is an extension of the annual music educational offerings. The programs are done in 8 week blocks of time and they include Private and Group lessons. The Private lesson classes are:

Acoustic & Bass Guitars - Drums & Percussion - Piano & Voice
Saxophone, Flute & Clarinet - Trumpet & Trombone

Students will receive hands-on training with quality music instructors who specialize in one or more of these instruments. The lessons include, but are not limited to, learning how to read music; learning how to play scales and rudiments; instrument proficiency; and musicianship.

The Group lesson classes are available for each listed instrument in our private lesson program. These classes have a three (3) student minimum and a five (5) student maximum.

During the Summer Program we also offer our group rhythm section class, "Playing with the Pro's." This class is designed for intermediate and advanced rhythm instrumentalist (Drums, Bass Guitar, Piano, Guitar and Percussion); a Vocalist or Woodwind/Brass Soloist can be added (Advance Ensembles only). The students are grouped together as ensembles consisting of one of each instrument.

The Goal of the DDC Summer Arts Program is to offer music lessons to Children, Youth and Adults who may not have the time or resources to study music year round. Additionally, our aim is to introduce all people, who have never studied music, to the "Joy of Music;" through private and group music lessons.

