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DDC News Notes

2012 ANNUAL SPRING RECITAL

Saturday, June 9, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.; the DDC School of Music celebrated its annual 2012 Spring Recital at St. James Episcopal Church.

Mr. Dinkins & Mrs. Dinkins, along with the staff would like to congratulate all of the Students for their hard work and preparation. We would also like to thank the Parents, Families & Friends for their support by attending this year's recital. WOW over 400 Students, Parents, Families, and the DDC Staff attended this heartfelt and successful "recital".

The 2012 Spring Recital was a great afternoon of family fun and music. 2012 Recital DVDs are still available. *See Ms. Cox*

DDC School of Music 3 Year Recital Award Winners

Jacob Harris

Joshua Harris

Rodrick Hughes

Caleb Stovall

Jaelon Williams

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Trombone / Voice

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2012 FALL SESSION

Welcome To DDC School of Music

DDC hopes you had a fabulous & eventful summer!!!

Although summer is over and a new school year has begun; it does not mean going back to school at DDC is all about hard work and no fun. Just like school, there will be many different types of fun filled events! Field trips, Bring-A-Friend Week, Workshops, Holiday Social and many more! Here at DDC, although you work at learning to become a better musician, you will find that it is also an exciting musical journey.

PRACTICE-PRACTICE-PRACTICE...Practicing at least 30 minutes 5 times out of the week will develop your skills. We understand that homework can be very demanding, so another option of practicing can be 30 minutes during the week and an hour on Saturday and an hour on Sunday. Logging down your practice time will benefit you! Practice, log it down along with your parent's signature, submit to your instructor and obtain a sticker. If you collect four stickers in one month, you qualify to be in a drawing to win movie tickets or fast food gift card.

BRING-A-FRIEND WEEK...November 6 - 10, 2012, is the week you can bring a friend to show off your talents. How fun is that? The one that brings the most friends, will also win movie tickets or a fast food gift card.

FIELD TRIPS...Be on the alert of scheduled field trips! In the lobby, there is a large monitor by the stairs that displays a slide show of up-coming events. Don't be left behind in joining your fellow school mates in the exciting activities that we at DDC encourages you, your parents, family and friends to participate in!

Join DDC in making musical memories that will last you a lifetime!

DDC School of Music Performance Level Test

Congratulations in passing the Performance Level Test!

May 12, 2012 - Bronze Medal

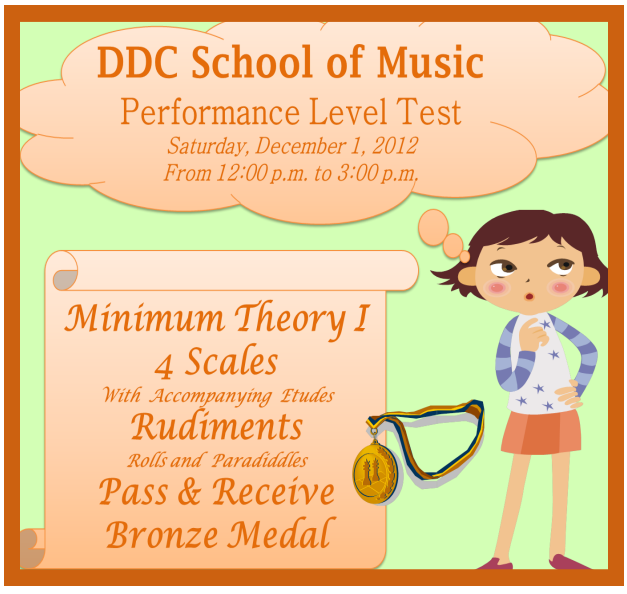
Phillip Asaju	Wesley Benford	Samson Dinkins	Joshua Harris
Eligha Jones	Asa Singleton	Kyana Washington	

August 11, 2012 - Bronze Medal

Jalen Baker	Kayla Burns	Sean Campbell	Carl Cassel
Glen Francis	Hunter Henderson	Joshua Sam	Nickerra Sam

August 11, 2012 - Silver Medal

Jalen Baker



Why Music Lessons Are Important

The benefits that private music lessons can give your child can last a lifetime. Many parents are frightened by the cost of lessons as well as the cost of buying/renting and maintaining an instrument. There are also those who don't believe their child will have a chance of becoming a professional musician, so therefore believe they are wasting their time and money by bringing them for music lessons.

Even if your child doesn't pursue a music career there are lifelong benefits to learning music. Learning to read music is much like learning to read a new language. Most musical terms they learn will probably be in Italian, thus they will literally begin to read a new language. The child will also develop the ability to distinguish between different pitches and rhythms on sight. Learning how to read rhythms also requires basic math skills that the child will have to recall instantly. The pitches will help train your child's hearing and make music listening as an adult more enjoyable for them.

Learning music will also help expand your child's attention span. They will have to learn to focus for longer and longer periods of time, which may be extremely difficult for some children at first, but having a teacher to work with them one on one will eventually help them succeed. This will crossover to their studies at school and they will have an easier time focusing in class.

The child will grow up with a lifetime appreciation for music. They will be more likely to attend concerts, enjoy playing as a hobby alone and with friends, and have a basic knowledge of music they can share as adults.

To provide knowledge and experiences which promote the enjoyment of music for a lifetime!

BRING~A~FRIEND WEEK

Share the joy of learning music by inviting your friend to your music lesson

November 6 ~ 10, 2012

Fun to be had by all!!!!

PRIZES for students and friends that participate!

Earn a $25 discount off your monthly tuition if your friend signs up for lessons

GRAND PRIZE
2 Free Movie Tickets
For the student that
brings the most friends

Student will
receive a $5 fast
food gift card!

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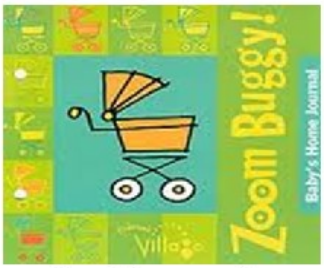
Kindermusik
a good beginning
never ends



0 – 18 months

18 months – 3 years

3 – 5 years

Kindermusik
for the
young
child

5 – 7 years

Our classes offer so much for kids –
and the adults they bring along.

Bond with your child as you play, sing (no talent required!), dance, and giggle together. Your child will learn and grow through activities that stimulate brain growth, build motor skills, enhance social-emotional development, and much more.

In observance of
Thanksgiving Day
DDC School of Music
Will be cosed the week of
November 20, 2012 to November 24, 2012
Classes will resume November 27, 2012

Thank you for making the

2012 Back to School Jam

an enjoyable musical event

Kamille Adams
Jalen Baker
Myles Campbell
Samson Dinkins
Jatauria Lathan
Bryanna Morris
Nickerra Sam
Benjamin White
Raymond Albert
Kayla Burns
Sean Campbell
Samuel Dinkins, IV
Clabe Lewis
Joshua Sam
Kaylen Sanders

DDC Teachers in Action

Samuel Dinkins, III ~ Sambuca Jazz Café
801 Texas Avenue (Downtown Houston)
September 11, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.
Performing with JAWAD

Samuel Dinkins, III ~ Kemah Jazz Fest 2012
Kemah Boardwalk, Kemah TX
September 29, 2012 @ 6:05 p.m.
Performing with Julie Wilson and Alegria

Samuel Dinkins, III ~ Kemah Jazz Fest 2012
Kemah Boardwalk, Kemah TX
September 29, 2012 @ 8:45 p.m.
Sam Dinkins III and Magna VII
featuring Horace A. Young

Kaneesha Jones ~ St.. Marks United Methodist Church
600 Pecore Street, Houston, TX
Every Sunday @ 11:00 a.m.
Performing Solo & with Choir

Gerald Stewart ~ Beaumont Civic Center
Crocket Street, Beaumont, TX
September 28, 2012 @ 8 p.m. ~ 11:00 p.m.
Performing with Sylvia Thompson

Jalen Baker ~ HSPVA
400 Stanford, Houston, TX
October 18, 2012 @ 5:00 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m.
Performing Percussion Ensemble & Young Performers

Charles Davis
24 Hour Blues ~ CD
Available at DDC School of Music $15

Holiday Social

Sunday ~ December 9, 2012
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Join our Instructors and Students as they Perform a Wonderful Holiday Musical

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Staff

Samuel Dinkins, III - Director
Phaedra Dinkins - Manager
Maricar Cox - Administrative Assistant

DDC School of Music Instructors

Charles Davis - Guitar
Randy Kelly - Guitar
Vincent Jarmon - Piano
Ralph Jackson, II - Percussion
Jalen Baker (Student Teacher) - Percussion
Kaneesha Jones - Vocal
Sylvester LeBlanc - Woodwind
Gerard Stewart - Piano & Woodwind