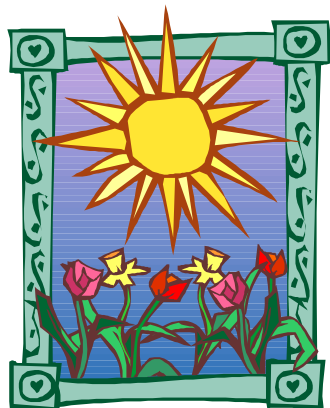


# DDC News Notes



THE DINKY DRUM COMPANY, LLC

## 2010 ANNUAL SPRING RECITAL



**The Suave Percussion Ensemble, Directed by Samuel Dinkins, III performing Processional by Anthony Cirone**

included Jazz, Blues, Rock-n-Roll, Afro-American Spirituals and American Pop.

The Suave Percussion Ensemble opened this years recital with a fitting selection from the pen of composer Anthony Cirone entitled, "Processional." They were followed by students from the Bass & Guitar Studio performing beginning to advance solos. Next were students from the Drum & Percussion Studio playing Snare, Mallet & Timpani solos-opening and closing this segment with two very well executed Drum-line style snare drum ensembles. The recital proceeded with students from the Piano studio; the Woodwind/Brass Studio followed some Percussion Ensemble selections. Students then performed Instrumental Duets and Drum-set Solos.

A highlight of our Recital's are the performances by Sibling Students and the Family Affair segment where Students and Parents perform together.

The 2010 Spring Recital was a great afternoon of family fun and music. Don't forget to get your 2010 Recital DVD and see you next year.

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### Summer Holidays

DDC School of Music will be closed:

**August 17-21**

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

### Texas Schools Open

FYI: **08/23/10** Back to School

### Dinky Drum Company, LLC Staff

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

### Instructors

Vernon Daniels- Percussion  
Samuel Dinkins, IV - Percussion  
Ariel Jones - Percussion  
Richard Saldivar - Guitar/Piano  
Gerald Steward - Winds/Piano

On Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 3:00 PM; the DDC School of Music celebrated it's annual Spring Recital at St. James Episcopal Church; Houston, Texas. This well attended event with Students, Parents, Families, Friends and the DDC Staff was a great success at St. James (having been at the Third-ward Multi-purpose Center the previous 5 years).

Mr. & Mrs. Dinkins, along with the staff of the DDC School of Music 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 and attendance at this years recital. The Spring Recital is for the students and is not a fund raiser for the Dinky Drum Company, LLC; however, Program Ads and Ticket Sales help offset the expenses of producing a quality Recital. Thank you!

Some of this years highlights include Student Performances celebrating American Music & Composers. Student Solos, Duets and Ensemble selections

### **DDC School of Music 3 Year Recital Award Winners**

Osei Acheampong  
Jackson Cloyd  
Joseph Harkless  
Jill Harris  
Marie Mays  
Asa Singleton

## DDC Educational Performances at a School near you . . .

One of the divisions of the Dinky Drum Company, LLC is DDC Performances. Throughout the year DDC brings musical performances that incorporate an educational

component to area Schools, Churches, Libraries, Senior Residency's, Community Centers and other venues beyond the concert hall.

During the school year, Students, Parents, Teachers, and Administrators have an opportunity, through our school bookings and partnership with DaCamera of Houston (where Mr. Dinkins is their Artist in Residence) to pick from many of our seasonal shows. In December, we perform "**Holiday**



Mr. Dinkins accompanied by Kenny Smith performing the Afro American Experience at the Mt. Houston Avance' Head start.

**Jazz."** In February, we perform "**the Afro-American Experience.**" In April, we perform "**Jazz & Poetry: A Fusion.**" In May, we perform "**Celebrate Mexico: Cinco de Mayo**" In addition to these seasonal shows, we perform a variety of shows during the school year and summer months. Some of these are: "**Cartoon Jazz;**" "**The History of Jazz;**" and "**The Texas Tenors.**"

Since 1993, DDC Performances has traveled to over 200 schools and entertained over 10,000 Students,

Teachers, Parents and Administrators.

We are starting to book performances for the 2010-2011 school year and would love to come to a school near you.



Sam Dinkins, III Trio ftg' Norma Zenteno performing Celebrate Mexico: Cinco de Mayo at Woodcreek E.S., Katy ISD.

## Why Music Lessons Are Important

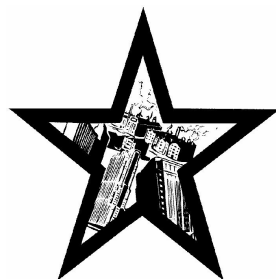
Research reveals how exposure to sound, music and other vibration can have a lifelong effect on health, learning and behavior. Music stimulates learning, improves memory and strengthens listening skills. Music is mathematical - it is rhythmically based on the subdivisions of time into fractions which must be done instantaneously, and not worked out on paper. Music helps us learn to read and develop creativity - music teaches us to interpret meaning, to form lyrical, melodic thoughts. Music helps us to commit to memory making learning more fun. Music is a Science - it is exact, specific and it demands exact acoustics. A conductor's full score is a chart, a graph which indicates frequencies, intensities, volume changes, melody and harmony all at once and with the most exact control of time. Music is a foreign language - most of

the terms are in Italian, German or French; and the notation is certainly not English - but a highly developed kind of shorthand that uses symbols to represent ideas. The semantics of music is the most complete and universal language. Music is Historical - it usually reflects the environment and times of its creation, often even the country and/or racial feeling. Music is physical education - it requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lips, cheeks and facial muscles, in addition to extraordinary control of the diaphragm, back, stomach and chest muscles, which respond instantly to the sound the ear hears and the mind interprets.

**Music is ART!** It allows a human being to take all these dry, technically, difficult techniques and use them to create emotion.

## DDC STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Paul Cornish** graduated from Johnston Middle School and will be attending the High School for the Performing & Visual Arts (HSPVA) in the Fall.
- **Jerome Gillespie** a 6th grader at Johnston Middle School received a Bronze medal at the Johnston M.S. Solo & Ensemble contest.
- **Joseph Harkless** was a member of the True Light Missionary Baptist Church Drill Team who won "Most Outstanding First Year Drill Team" at the National Baptist Convention in North Carolina.
- **Daniel Jellins** won 2010 Valedictorian & Faculty Award at Trinity Lutheran School and will be attending St. Johns School in the Fall.



- **Matthew Jellins** earned his Eagle Scout in February 2010 Boy Scouts of America and will be attending engineering camp at Georgia Tech or Dartmouth this Summer.
- **Eligha Jones**, a 4th grader at The Rice School made the A/B honor Roll and was the Top Seller for his schools fundraiser.
- **Marie Mays** a 5th Grader at Austin Parkway E.S. made the Honor Roll and received a Music Achievement Certificate in Choir.
- **Samuel Mays** a 7th Grader at First Colony M. S. received a Gold Medal for his Solo and Ensemble performance at Dulles H.S. Competition as well as the 2010 Honor Roll at First Colony M.S.



The year 2010 marked the 20th Anniversary of the Dinky Drum Company, LLC. The vision and planning for the Dinky Drum Company School of Drums & Percussion began in the Fall of 1989; and taught it's first student on February 7, 1990 at the

Community Music Center of Houston, Inc. (CMCH). Founder and Director Samuel Dinkins, III is from Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Dinkins began playing music at an early age and started taking private lessons at 8 years of age. Throughout his life, as he studied, played and performed music through Grade School; at Erasmus Hall High School Academy of Performing Arts, Brooklyn, N.Y. and at Howard University in Washington, D.C.; Mr. Dinkins always remembered the valuable start that he got taking Private Music Lessons as a boy.

After six plus years operating at CMCH (in the historic Third Ward community of Houston, TX); DDC

moved to the Band Instrument Exchange (in the Museum District of Houston) on August of 1996 where the vision continued and grew. From 2003 - 2008, DDC operated at 2411 Eagle Street. Today, DDC teaches Children and Adults about music through private and group lessons. With the addition of Piano, Saxophone, Flute, Clarinet, Bass Guitar, Trumpet and Trombone lessons the name was changed to the DDC School of Music.

Currently operating at Project Row Houses (since August of 2008), the culminating celebration for DDC's 20th Anniversary will be the completion of their building in the Fall of 2010.



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## DDC UP AND COMING PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS

- **Houston's Hobby Airport Ribbon Cutting & Art Unveiling** music by the Sam Dinkins, III Quartet Friday, July 16, 2010 @ 9:00 A.M. - 12 Noon *Free*
- Sugarland, TX " **Summer Music & Art Series,**" Collector's Item (Mr. Dinkins on Drums) R-n-B, July 23, 2010 from 7:00-10:00 P.M. *Free*
- **DDC Parent's Night Out** at Sambuca's Café (Travis & Texas) JAWAD @ 7:00 PM July 27, 2010 *RSVP for Event at DDC* Mr. Dinkins performing on Percussion *Free*
- **2010 Houston Downtown Theatre District Open House** music by the Sam Dinkins, III Sextet featuring the DaCamera of Houston 2010 Jazz Series showcase on Sunday, August 22 at 3:00 PM *Free*

## JAZZ!

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