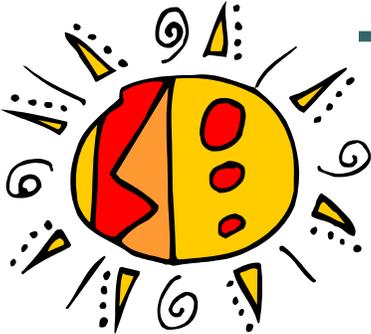




# DDC News Notes

The Dinky Drum Company School of Music



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## Summer Holiday

The Dinky Drum Company School of Music will be closed

**July 2 - 6**

(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

## "IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BEAT"

On March 10, 2007, The Dinky Drum Company, LLC; American Federation of Musicians – Houston Local and Texas Chapter of Percussive Arts Society hosted a day of percussion entitled "It's All About the BEAT". "It's All About the BEAT" provided a wealth of information and exposure to the world of percussion to the Houston community young and old. The day began with a group of students ranging from mid-high to high school. This youth percussion ensemble called, Suave' Percussion Ensemble presented several selections using a variety of percussion instruments and skills. The audience was then taught by Mr. Marvin Sparks in a Latin percussion clinic entitled "Playing Percussion in the Band: Developing Percussion Parts". The clinic discussed the



Mr. Dinkins and the Suave' Percussion Ensemble

and how to place these sounds in the music of today.

We were then enlightened by the skills of the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts Percussion Ensemble led by Mr. Patrick Kelly. Their presentation included several selections for the ensemble; duets and a guest appearance by Mrs. Lovie Smith-Schenk – President of the AFM Houston Local. Mr. Samuel Dinkins, III then presented a clinic entitled "The Drum-set Musician as a Leader".

The clinic outline included: Practical Warm-ups, Learning Music Styles & Rhythms, Reading Music Charts, Business Skills, Organizational Abilities, Building a Music Book (Owning fake books, having your own charts, etc.) and Band personnel. To complete our day of percussion we were amazed by Mr. Kevin Lee and the skill he brought from TSU Ocean of Soul in a marching percussion clinic. (continued on pg. 2)



Mr. Dinkins at "It's All About the BEAT".

## The Language of Music

The musical terms in this article are part of the language of music. If you learn them, your knowledge can add to an appreciation of the music you hear and play, as well as an appreciation of the composers who have created it. Knowledge of musical terms also can help you understand more about the similarities and differences of music through time, places, and cultures.

**Rhythm** is the recurrence or repetition of beats in a regular, predictable way. It divides the time in musical works, using accented and unaccented beats to create a pattern. Some rhythms make you want to clap and dance while others help you fall asleep.

**Notes** are symbols that show musicians how long to make sounds. Each note stands for a specific time length for a tone to be held. Whole notes are held longer than half-notes, and half-notes are held longer than quarter-notes.

**Melody** is an organized succession of tones. It is the memorable tune that we sometimes walk about humming or singing!

**Harmony** is the combination of groups of tones sounded together. The basic unit of harmony is the chord, where two or more tones are played together.

**Tone color** is the timbre or special quality of a voice or musical instrument. Tone color distinguishes the tone of one musical instrument or voice from another.

**Form** is the structure of a musical piece. It is the way in which the entire composition is built. Sometimes composers follow certain forms when they create, such as the form of A (statement) – B (contrast) – A (return) in an orchestral work, or the verse and chorus form of many popular songs.

**Pitch** is the highness or lowness of a tone.

**Tempo** is how fast or slow music is played.

**Dynamics** is how loudly or softly the music is played.

Learn more about these musical terms and others from the Music Dictionary available from Dinky Drum Co. School of Music for \$8!!

## “IT’S ALL ABOUT THE BEAT”

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The attendees were provided information about the sponsoring organizations and how to join PAS, the AFM Local and DDC services throughout the day. We distributed door prizes from many of the percussion manufacturer’s event sponsors. Snacks were provided by Frito Lay and DDC.

Last but not least we had the Percussion Center onsite for attendees to purchase any needed percussion equipment. The Houston community benefited tremendously from this day of percussion and we did a lot of work but had a lot of fun.



Attendees at “It’s All About the BEAT”.

## 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



## ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR COMPLETE

As another school year has come to a close several things occur during the summer months at the Dinky Drum Company School of Music (DDC). Amongst these are the following:

- ♪ All private lessons will continue throughout the summer (per your annual agreements); however, Mr. Dinkins and Staff will be available for earlier times if anyone would like to change the time of your lesson.
- ♪ All students attending camp(s), visiting relatives, taking long vacations, etc.; DDC's Music Staff will be available to give HOUR lessons to insure that you receive your allotted time.
- ♪ Lastly, for those of you who have thought about taking a break from lessons during the summer please check with our Administrative Assistant regarding where you are in your annual agreement and how to insure that you will have your time slot in the Fall.



### DDC GRADUATE & STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Kristen Baker** graduated from Westside HS and will be attending Steven F. Austin University. Congratulations Kristen!



- **Lauren Hollins** an eighth grader at Johnston Middle School received the OUTSTANDING Percussionist award; and will be attending Episcopal H.S. in the Fall. Way to go Lauren!

- **Sean Heart** graduated from Belaire HS and will be attending Loyola University in New Orleans, LA. Congratulations Sean!



- **Margaret Odunze** completed middle school and will be attending Lutheran Hith North HS. She made the merit honor roll and won Christian athlete of the year. Keep up the good work Margaret!

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*Music is the medicine of the breaking heart..*

**Leigh Hunt**

## DDC UP AND COMING PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS

- Sunday's @ 12:00 p.m. - St. James Episcopal Church Contemporary Jazz Service Mr. Dinkins is Musical Director
- June 5, 2007 - Sambuca's for dinner @ 7:00 p.m. with JAWAD
- June 9 & 23 - Remington's, St. Regis Hotel @ 9:00 PM Come Dance the night away with Collector's Item (see Mr. Dinkins and Mr. Smith perform)
- June 20 Sam Dinkins, III Contemporary Jazz Project Grand Opening "Save-A-Lot" store 5800 Belfort Ave.
- June 22 - "Drums of Africa" 10:00 AM at the Montessori House for Children
- June 27 - Kids Day Program at the Hobby Center for Performing Arts
- July 6 - Sam Dinkins III Quartet at MFAH 7:00 PM "A night of Jazz"
- July 19 - DCI field trip Berry Stadium in Cypress, TX
- July 21 - Remington's, St. Regis Hotel @ 9:00 PM Come Dance the night away with Collector's Item (see Mr. Dinkins and Mr. Smith perform)

## Field Trips and Summer Shows

The Dinky Drum Company would like to encourage you to enjoy the many free art events throughout the city. Below is a partial list of FREE concerts provided by the Houston Symphony. The Miller Theater has several outstanding productions FREE of charge to keep you and the little one (s) or not so little one (s) entertained for hours.

**Keep the arts a part of your lives as it continues to enrich our very being.**

## Sounds Like Fun!

Free Family Concerts throughout the month of June Sponsored by the Houston Symphony

Tuesday, June 5, 2007	10:30 AM	Greater St. Matthew Church 14919 South Main Street, Houston
Friday, June 8, 2007	10:30 AM	The Ripley House 4410 Navigation Blvd, Houston
Tuesday, June 12, 2007	11:00 AM	Miller Outdoor Theatre 100 Concert Drive, in Hermann Park
Tuesday, June 26, 2007	12:30 PM	KIPP 3D Academy 4610 E. Crosstimbers, Houston
Wednesday, June 27, 2007	7:30 PM	United Orthodox Synagogue 9001 Greenwillow, Houston
Friday, June 29, 2007	10:30 AM	Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church 8300 Katy Freeway, Houston
Friday, June 29, 2007	7:30 PM	St. Bernadette Church 15500 El Camino Real, Houston