

2010 Carnival of Steel Festival Announcement

The **2010 Richland College Carnival of Steel Festival** is taking place on **April 17** at Richland College in **Dallas, Texas**. This year, the Festival will feature steel bands and percussion ensembles or bands using any number of steel drums from around the US performing all styles of music from Caribbean and Latin to Classical and Rock. *The Festival Steel Drum Guest Artist in clinic and evening concert will be the leading world renowned steel drum artist, Andy Narell. Also appearing will be the internationally acclaimed Trinidadian calypso singer and composer, David Rudder and Drum Set and World Percussion Guest Artist, Jose Aponte, from the University of North Texas.*

For the latest COS Festival Updates, check www.richlandcollege.edu/carnivalofsteel.

Carnival of Steel Features

- **Guest Artist Evening Concert and Afternoon Performance Demo featuring Andy Narell, David Rudder, and Jose Aponte.**
- **Adjudicator Comment Sheets and Audio Recordings** of band performances
- **Solo Steel Drum Performance Venue**, where steel drum solos on any pan instrument may be performed in front of an audience with comments provided on sheets and recordings by a professional pannist.
- **Evening Massed Steel Band Performance** from participants of each school group on the Guest Artist Evening Concert based upon advance sign-ups. Music will be sent out months in advance to participating groups for the exciting performance of our participating students. There will a rehearsal for this with details to be announced soon.
- **Steel Drum Tuning Service** that will be provided by **Shelly Irvine** from Panyard, Inc. Steel bands, school programs, and individuals may schedule days and times before or after the Festival for Mr. Irvine, master builder and tuner, to tune each of their drums. Mr. Irvine will be also available to travel to area schools on scheduled days before or after the Festival date of April 17. Take advantage of reduced local travel expenses while Mr. Irvine is in the area! **The price for a basic tuning service is \$150 per instrument.** (i.e. 1 set of double seconds = 1 instrument, 1 set of cellos = 1 instrument, etc.) To schedule a **Steel Drum Tuning Service Appointment**, there is an attached form to be filled out and returned to Derrick Logozzo.
- **Caribbean food and clothing vendors** will be set up in collaboration with the Caribbean Association of Texas and the West Indies United Association of Dallas throughout the day-time portion of the Festival schedule.

Carnival of Steel Performance Details

- **Performing Groups:** *Performance spots are open to any ensemble that uses steel pan as at least part of their instrumentation as well as any steel pan soloist.*
- **Performance Times** for bands will include 30 minutes to perform with additional time for set changes around each performance.
- **Performance Locations** will include a covered, shaded outdoor venue and a newly renovated indoor performance hall, **Richland College's Fannin Hall**. A weather contingency plan will be in place with day-before communication on the decision regarding moving outdoor performances to indoors.
- **Festival Fees:** For the performance time reservation, the adjudicator's written and recorded comments, allotted tickets to the Evening Concert and Performance Demo Clinic, the Massed Steel Band performance, and a performance recording, the band fee is \$125 regardless of band size, instrumentation, or level. For soloists, the fee is \$10. **General Admission Fees per person:** Day-Time Concerts-*Free*, Afternoon Performance Demo-\$5, Guest Artist Evening Concert-\$15. *General Admission Tickets go on sale February 1 through Richland College.*
- **Festival Logistics** will be sent to ensemble directors and soloists for their entries based upon expressed interest. Official entries and participants will receive maps, events information, unloading/loading details, and contingency plans.

Festival Area Amenities

- **Food:** Over 20 fast food and sit-down dinner restaurants within 1 to 2 miles of the college.
- **Shopping:** Various general stores and department stores for last-minute needs.
- **Hotels:** There are also several varieties of hotels nearby for overnight stay if needed.
- **Cultural Interests:** The vendors on site are serving various Caribbean foods and products throughout the day.
- **Directions:** Richland College is located just off of Highway 635 and Abrams Road. You can check the following link for more details: <http://www.richlandcollege.edu/directions>.
- Various restrooms inside the facilities are easily accessible.

Don't miss the **Richland College Carnival of Steel Festival!** Performance spots are filling up fast already!

How can you sign up? Fill out the attached forms and return to Derrick Logozzo at

derricklogozzo@dccc.edu. **Mail your group and soloists payments to:**

Richland College, ATTN: Derrick Logozzo, Director of Instrumental Music, 12800 Abrams Road, Dallas, TX 75243-2199.

Payments should be checks or money orders made payable to:

Richland College with *Carnival of Steel* listed in the Memo section of the check.

Deadline is March 22, 2010 for receipt of all band/soloist forms and payments.