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**EISMA**, a not-for-profit community organization established in 1971, offers diverse professional music programs to Evanston/Skokie public and private elementary, middle, and special education schools.

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## Gerald McClendon Blues Experience, Fall 2006



*Blues Experience* featured amazing veteran Chicago blues vocalist Gerald McClendon and his quartet including Joe Pratt on bass, Rickey Nelson on drums, and Steve Arvey on guitar. These multi-talented musicians have performed with blues greats such as Albert King, Otis Clay, Artie Bluesboy White, and the queen of blues, Koko Taylor. They have played the blues throughout the world.

Gerald and his musicians had students up out of their seats, dancing! Said one teacher, "The performers got students and staff up and participating! A group of stellar musicians!" According to another, "The students were clearly involved in the music."

## Rhythmunity, Spring 2007

The Rhythmunity Ensemble, led by founder Doug Brush, features master percussionists from Haiti, Senegal, Costa Rica, India, and the United States. Rhythmunity performed traditional rhythms from a wide variety of countries, taking children on a musical journey around the globe. This journey was intertwined with stories about each country and its music. Mr. Brush, a versatile percussionist, regularly performs a variety of musical styles, including classical music, chamber music, jazz, world music, and rock.

Students and teachers alike enjoyed the performance. "Great talent—outstanding explanation of learning rhythms through syllables," raved one teacher. Students said, "I felt like I was at the places they talked about."

## 35th Anniversary Concert Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007

Bring your family and friends to a free concert on Sunday, November 11, 2007, 2:30 pm at the Music Institute of Chicago in Evanston. Join EISMA in celebration of 35 years of service to the Evanston schools. Reginald Robinson, self-taught Ragtime pianist and MacArthur 'Genius', will perform, followed by Brazilian music performed by the Orquestra de Samba.



## Whole Foods Day - Sept. 17

On Monday, September 17, please shop at Whole Foods in Evanston (Chicago Ave. and Church St.). Whole Foods will donate a percentage of the day's total sales to EISMA!

## Concerts for Kids 2007-08

Nicole Mitchell returns, but with her *Black Earth Strings* ensemble. This group will expose students to the wide range of music that can be performed with string instruments. Black Earth Strings features award winning composer, flutist and vocalist Nicole Mitchell, violinist/violist Renee Baker, cellist Tomeka Reid and bassist Josh Abrams.

In Spring 2008, African-American classical percussionist Bobby Everson will astound students with a vast array of instruments. As an African-American classical musician, Mr. Everson is a unique role model to students. His performance includes not only classical percussion, but also the use of percussion in everyday life, including sound effects for television and radio.

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