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our mission is to educate youth through unique percussion programs; provide a dynamic and diverse experience in the performing arts; nurture the creativity of each child, and enrich lives within the community

The Vienna Jammers is a Percussion Ensemble with more than eighty children ranging in age from 8-15 years old from the Northern Virginia area.

The group was founded at Vienna Elementary School in 2005 under the direction of visionary music teacher David L. Reynolds Jr. In 2012, the Jammers program transformed from a school-based program

to a non-profit organization. This change allowed Dave to share his passion for music with a greater number of children in the area.

The Vienna Jammers use a combination of traditional and non-traditional instruments including hand-built marimbas, drum sets, and steel pans. With five different ensembles, their repertoire ranges from original compositions to arrangements of popular songs including music by Katy Perry, Taylor Swift & The Cure.



Headquartered in Vienna, the Vienna Jammers perform annually at many local events including Viva Vienna!, the Vienna Volunteer Honorary Reception, the Vienna Halloween Parade, as well as local venues including Jammin Java, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, and the Verizon Center. The Jammers also host their own concert, called The Big Jam, featuring all five ensembles.

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#### our director

David L. Reynolds, Jr, is the founder and Executive Director of the Vienna Jammers. Originally from Jackson, MS, Dave attended Virginia Tech with the goal of bringing his passion for music into schools. Dave has been teaching general music at Vienna Elementary School since 2001 and has played in several bands in the area. Dave was nominated for 2011 Teacher of the Year Award in Fairfax County, recognized as the 2012 Teacher of the Year by the Vienna- Tysons Chamber of Commerce, and nominated three times for the Grammy Award for Outstanding Music Teacher.



### our assistant director

Dakota Kaylor has a diverse career as both a performer and educator. He has performed with various groups in the Washington D.C area, such as the McLean Symphony Orchestra, Piedmont Symphony Orchestra, and Arlington Philharmonic. Dakota is active in musical theater, playing in the pit orchestra for shows at Olney Theater, Atlas Performing Arts Center, Creative Cauldron, and Source Theater. At the 2016 Percussive Arts Society International Convention, he performed two concerts with the Mason Percussion Group. He is a drum set accompanist for the George Mason University School of Dance and coordinates the percussion program at Centreville High School. Active as a private teacher, he has a studio of students ranging from students ranging from 2nd-11th grade.



## our performance ensembles

Jammers Red is comprised of 2nd-4th graders and practices twice per week, performing 4-6 times per year, including the Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts.

Jammers Black consists of 5th-6th graders, practices twice per week and has appeared at the Verizon Center and The Hamilton Live.

Jammers Sfeel is the first youth steel pan orchestra in the Vienna area. The group is comprised of 7th-12th graders.



# fun jammer facts

- ★ The Vienna Jammers began in 2005 with 25 children from Vienna Elementary School; now over 25 schools are represented.
- Percussion instruments include marimbas (hand-made by Dave), hand drums, trash cans and steel pans.
- ★ Jammers musical repertoire includes cover songs, original compositions, and traditional melodies from around the world.