



**October 1, 2014**

*VSA Vermont uses the magic of the arts to engage the capabilities and enhance the confidence of children and adults with disabilities.*

## **BOOM VT: *The Rhythm of Life***

In this newsletter issue, we'll share more information about our BOOM VT Drum Festival. You'll meet our Stage Manager, Gary Dulabaum; learn about our BOOM Teams and Solo Fundraisers; and hear about the super raffle prizes you could win...as either a fundraiser or an audience member.



BOOM VT has taken on a life and rhythm of its own. A single day event has morphed into a year-long educational venture for VSA Vermont, modeling who we are and what we believe in. We've been able to involve so many individuals, organizations, and groups in the planning of and preparation for our inclusive musical celebration.

Join us on Saturday, October 18th from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Elley-Long Music Center in Colchester. Let the show begin.

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## **Gary Dulabaum**

***Keeping time...***

In our last newsletter, you read about our two emcees for BOOM VT: René Pellerin and Tim Kavanagh. Now meet our amazing Stage Manager—**Gary Dulabaum**, entertainer, singer, songwriter, musician, and experienced stage manager. Gary is not only offering a great prize—a solo show—for the team that raises the most money, but also is coordinating our entire BOOM VT event. Gary has the rare gift of captivating audiences of all ages with his music, high energy and quick wit. You are guaranteed a great show, thanks to this energetic and talented guy. We are so lucky to have him on board!

## **Our Fundraisers**

## OUR FUNDRAISERS

### *Drumming up money...*

Who are the BOOM VT fundraisers? They are an individual or group of individuals who are committed to raising monies for VSA Vermont's arts education programs for children and adults with disabilities. Basically, think of a walk-a-thon or bowl-a-thon. Individuals who raise \$50 and team members who help to raise \$250 for VSA Vermont's educational programs will be eligible to enter raffles of their choosing to win one or more of the prizes listed below. While VSA Vermont staff and board members are not able to enter raffles, their team members may enter raffles. Just take a look at the great raffle prizes we have for our fundraisers and for our audience.

Our goal is to raise \$15,000 through our BOOM VT teams and solo fundraisers. We need your help. It's not too late to form or join a team or set-up a solo fundraising page and help VSA Vermont meet its goal. You can do so by registering at our First Giving website at:

<https://www.firstgiving.com/364487/boom-vt-2014>. Not into technology? You can also download a paper fundraising packet at: <http://www.vsavt.org/boomvt/BOOM-VT-Team-Planning-Guide.pdf>.

While the drum festival is free to the public, we are counting on our teams and solo fundraisers to help us meet our goals and make our event a success. Here's some information about our teams and solo fundraisers to date. Consider contributing to the team of your choice or joining one of the existing teams! Let's get the competition going.

**ConunDrum** (<http://www.firstgiving.com/team/276269>): The team captain for this group is Robert Shea who has set a goal of raising \$500 for VSA Vermont. Conundrum is an actual community drum circle in Burlington. The circle meets every Tuesday from 5 PM to sunset at the Burlington Earth Clock in Oakledge Park. Everyone is welcome and children are encouraged to join in. No prior drumming experience is necessary. For more information about ConunDrum, go to their Facebook group site at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Conundrum-Community-Drum-Circle/564718626920087>

**Mr. Mom Band** (<http://www.firstgiving.com/team/277080>): The team captain for this group is our BOOM VT emcee René Pellerin who has set a goal to raise \$500. You'll get to hear René and his grandson perform at BOOM VT. Cheer them on with a pledge.



**Boom Makers** (<http://www.firstgiving.com/team/264969>): VSA Vermont board president, Andy Perkins, is the captain of this team and has set a goal to raise \$500. While Andy can't win any prizes, you can. Just join his team and help him meet his goal.



**Baby Boomers** (<http://www.firstgiving.com/team/255292>): Marguerite Adelman, VSA Vermont's Development and Communications Coordinator, is captain of these "old" timers. There are five team members to date with a goal of raising \$6,000. Join up and help this "generation" meet its target.

**Ahha** (<http://www.firstgiving.com/team/277616>): Heidi Pfau, VSA Vermont's Volunteer and Adult Program Coordinator, is captain of this team, hoping to raise \$500. Heidi would be so pleased if you'd volunteer for her team; it'd make her day.



**Hilary Maslow** (<http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/hilary-maslow/boom-vt-2014>): VSA Vermont board member Hilary Maslow has set a goal to raise \$3,000. Won't you help her? She is well on her way!

**Shelby Dickenson** (<http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/ShelbyDickinson/boom-vt-2014>): A Champlain College student and VSA Vermont intern, Shelby wants to raise \$50 for our programs. She'd love your support and encouragement.



**Friends of BOOM VT** (<http://www.firstgiving.com/team/267940>): If you just want to donate to BOOM VT and not a specific team or individual, you can visit our "friends" page. All contributions are deeply appreciated.

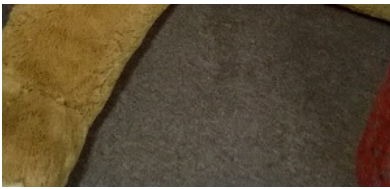


## Raffle Prizes

### *A clave of raffle gifts...*

By helping VSA Vermont fundraise at BOOM VT, you and/or your team will be eligible to win some great prizes. We'll also have raffle tickets for sale to everyone so that attendees can enter and compete for some raffle prizes as well. All dollars raised support VSA Vermont's arts education programs for children and adults with disabilities. So have fun, raise money for a good cause, and compete for great prizes! Best of all, enjoy a day of wonderful music. Can't you feel the beat?

A special thanks to all the businesses and individuals who



made the following prizes possible. You can read more about the prizes on our website at:

<http://www.vsavt.org/boomvt/prizes/>



The **individual who raises the most money** by October 24<sup>th</sup> will win a Cajon Midsize Drum from The Guitar Center, a Pizzeria Verità \$100 Gift Card, and Sterling Silver Drum Sticks Necklace from the Evelyn Glennie Collection.

The **team that raises the most money** by October 24<sup>th</sup> will win Rebana Frame Drums for all team members, the Gary Dulabaum Performance, and a Free First Drumming Class for 10 Children or 20 Adults from Stuart Paton of Burlington Taiko.

**Everyone who attends BOOM VT can enter a raffle for our door prize:** a Gigantic Vermont Teddy Bear

**Everyone who fundraises will receive 5 raffle tickets** to enter for the following seven fundraiser prizes:

- Keurig Single Serve Coffeemaker
- \$50 University Mall Gift Card AND Park Squeeze Restaurant \$25 Gift Card
- Two Burlington City Arts Studio Passes AND Weekly Flower Arrangements for a month from Maplehurst Florist
- Two Fruit Pies from Poorhouse Pies AND 6 Ben & Jerry's Gift Certificates
- Meinl Hand Drums AND 6-week Taiko Class for Two from Stuart Paton of Burlington Taiko
- Dinner for Two at Leunig's Bistro AND Tart Tatin
- The Bearded Frog \$50 Gift Card AND Black Sheep Bistro \$50 Gift Card



**Everyone who attends BOOM VT can purchase raffle tickets at \$5 each or 5 for \$20** and enter for the following 14 audience prizes:

- Keurig Single Serve Coffeemaker
- \$50 University Mall Gift Cards AND Bobcat Cafe \$25 Gift Card
- Two Burlington City Arts Family Passes
- Adaptive Ski and Sport Lesson AND 6 Ben & Jerry's Gift Certificates
- Meinl Hand Drums AND 3-Week Djembe Class for Two (\$108 value) from Stuart Paton of Burlington Taiko
- Vermont Teddy Bear Co. Signature Bear AND A Different Kind of Safari, a children's book by Helen Hipp
- Paint Party by Whirled Tree Arts
- Spring 2015 Bird Song Identification Walk AND Gardens and Nursery \$25 Gift Card





- Car Detailing from Heritage Toyota AND Starbucks Coffee & Travel Mug
- Trade Wind's Jade Earrings AND Bella Boutique Gift Card
- Global Pathways Interchangeable Necklace AND Stella Mae Gift Card
- Apple Mountain T-Shirt AND Trader Joe's Basket
- Free Djembe Re-Skinning (\$125 value) from Stuart Paton AND Papa Franks Dinner for Two
- 60-Minute Massage from Sillman Massage & Bodywork AND Two 30-minute drum lessons at The Guitar Center

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