

Explorations in *Performing Arts*

Session 2: Summer Drummin’

Explorations in *Performing Arts* for Students who are Blind/Visually Impaired

Who: Students Who Are Blind/Visually Impaired in Grades 6-12

Where: Missouri School for the Blind (MSB)
3815 Magnolia Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110

When: July 24 – August 3, 2017

What: *Explorations in Performing Arts* is a 10-day immersion program designed to introduce students a wide variety of musical concepts through instruction in the steelpan drum. Steelpan drums are pitched percussion instruments that originated in Trinidad but are growing in popularity in the United States. Steelpan drummers, called Panelists, are in demand in communities throughout the United States where Steelpan Bands are gaining popularity as Community Bands. Students with beginning, intermediate and advanced levels of musical training will develop their individual skills and perform as a group. Students will participate in daily individual lessons, individual and/or small group practice sessions and group rehearsals designed to teach playing techniques, arrangement styles and techniques, improvisation approaches, ensemble organization, ear training, mallet work, and more. During *Explorations in Performing Arts*, students will learn performance skills by experiencing and participating in a variety of lessons and activities. Students will attend live performances at a professional theatre and have the opportunity to discuss careers in the theatre with professionals in the field. *Explorations in Performing Arts* will culminate in MSB’s first Steelpan Band Performance and Musician’s Reception to follow.

Costs: *Free.* Transportation, activities, room and board are all provided *FREE* of charge.

How: Complete the registration form found on the MSB Web site and submit it by May 1 to:

Missouri School for Blind
Attn: Joy Waddell
3815 Magnolia Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63011

If you have further questions or need additional information, please contact Joy Waddell, Assistant Superintendent at 314-776-4320, or via e-mail at joyce.waddell@msb.dese.mo.gov