

Rhythm X Announces Restructuring, Cody Schuster Hired as Director of Operations & Development

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DAYTON, OH - Following the end of an enormously successful WGI season at Rhythm X, Inc., the organization is announcing a change in administration. Mike Scott, who has served as the organization's first Chief Executive Officer since 2014, is stepping aside effective April 30th. Mr. Scott is not departing the organization however; he will continue to serve the organization as an Executive Advisor and as a member of the nonprofit's Board of Directors.

Mike first joined the Rhythm X family as a performer in the 2011 season. Since joining the staff in 2012, Mike has overseen the growth of the organization from the single indoor drumline founded in 2002, to an internationally recognized nonprofit operating the first-ever WGI Winds World Championship ensemble, an Open Class drumline in Europe, the Dragon's Drumline - a program for Dayton-area high school students, and The Growl - the official drumline of the Cincinnati Bengals.

Taking over the operations management and strategic planning for the organization is Cody Schuster who has been hired as the Director of Operations & Development. Mr. Schuster is no stranger to the organization. He began as a performer in Rhythm X, Inc.'s World Class Percussion Ensemble in 2013, and immediately began working for the company - first as an intern, then as the Programs Manager from 2014 until today. Cody brings an intimate knowledge of the organization, a passion for performing arts education, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership from the University of Cincinnati.

"Leaving my role at Rhythm X, Inc. is difficult. It's an organization I love, and a group of dedicated educators and performers that I have come to love," Scott said. "That being said, there is no better person to take the reigns than Cody. He's an empathetic and passionate leader who loves Rhythm X, Inc. and is fully equipped to envision our future."

In addition to Cody's leadership, Tim Fairbanks will continue to serve as the organization's President and Director of the world-class Percussion ensemble. Steve Mason, who joined the organization in December 2014 and became the co-director of the world-class WGI Winds ensemble in 2015 will continue to lead Rhythm X's winds education. Rhythm X, Inc.'s programs are designed by Andrew Markworth, Tim Jackson, and Tim Fairbanks.

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