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RCC ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAM HOSTS SAMPUTU AND INGELE FOR PERFORMANCES AT EIGHT LOCAL SCHOOLS

RESTON, VA — Reston Community Center's Artist Residency Program offers local students (K-12) in Small District 5 schools the rare opportunity to interact and engage in creative expression with world-renowned Rwandan performing artists Samputu and Ingele. Samputu and Ingele performed at CenterStage on Saturday, October 27th at 3 p.m. and will give lecture demonstrations and performances in the schools through November 2nd.

"In an ongoing effort to reach as many Reston residents as possible with RCC's programming, Reston Community Center is dedicated to forging meaningful connections between artists and the community we serve through creation, presentation and education for our Small District 5 students in engagement with professional touring national and international artists." said Leila Gordon, RCC Performing, Fine Arts and Community Events Director. "Our goal in bringing the artists to the community is to expose the next generation to high quality artists, to stimulate their interest in attending public performances at the CenterStage and to cultivate a curiosity for the ways the arts influence and are influenced by cultures from all over the world."

Over the past 8 years, the RCC Artist Residency Program has hosted residencies for artists to perform for and create work with thousands of local students. "I am thrilled and proud to bring the artistry of these Rwandan musicians and dancers to hundreds of school children throughout Reston, across every age cohort." said Cheri Danaher, Arts Education Director. "I truly believe that Samputu and Ingele's extraordinary and high-energy performances of Rwandan song, drum and dance will transport our children on a wonderful journey of history, culture and the human spirit." With the support of local schools and months of planning, Danaher and RCC CenterStage staff have brought an experience of mutual joy to both students and artists alike.

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Residency Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Performance Time</u>
Monday, October 22, 2007	South Lakes High School	11:30-1:00
Tuesday, October 23, 2007	Hunters Woods Elementary	8:50 AM
Saturday, October 27, 2007	RCC CenterStage	3:00 PM
Monday, October 29, 2007	Langston Hughes Middle School	11:00 AM
Tuesday, October 30, 2007	Forest Edge Elementary	9:00 AM
Wednesday, October 31, 2007	Lake Anne Elementary	12:30 PM
Thursday, November 1, 2007	Sunrise Valley Elementary	9:30 AM
Friday, November 2, 2007	Armstrong Elementary	9:00 AM
Friday, November 2, 2007	Aldrin Elementary	2:30 PM

About the Reston Community Center

Each year RCC offers more than 1,800 positive, self-development experiences that enhance the quality of life for all people living and working in Reston. RCC provides a wide range of programs in arts, aquatics, enrichment and life-long learning. We also create and sustain community traditions through special events, outreach activities and facility rentals. To find the programs or events that are right for you, visit www.restoncommunitycenter.org or call 703-476-4500.

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