

Learning in harmony



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The band Ranky Tanky of Charleston, S.C., performs a concert Monday for students at the Johnson STEAM Academy in Cedar Rapids. The performance officially launched the 10th annual Landfall Festival of World Music hosted by Legion Arts. Ranky Tanky is set to perform several more times this week.

Music festival starts with performance at C.R. school

CEDAR RAPIDS — Harmonies with a mix of Caribbean and African-American influence filled the cafe Monday at the Johnson STEAM Academy Magnet School in Cedar Rapids as the Legion Arts/CSPS Landfall Festival of World Music got underway. Starting it off was a performance by Ranky Tanky of Charleston, S.C.

The band — Charlton Singleton on trumpet, Kevin Hamilton on bass, Clay Ross on guitar, Quentin Baxter on drum

and Quiana Parler on lead vocals — is in Cedar Rapids this week to perform as part of the 10th annual festival, said Mel Andringa, co-director of Legion Arts.

Ranky Tanky — one of seven bands in town for the festival — also performs at 7 p.m. today at CSPS Hall, 1103 Third St. SE; 6 p.m. Thursday at the Cedar Rapids Public Library, 450 Fifth St. SE; and 4 p.m. Friday at NewBo City Market, 1100 Third St. SE. All performances are \$10.

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