



Dion Parson

## **Dion Parson Resume**

### **Education**

- 1990 Rutgers University – New Brunswick, NJ  
Received Bachelor of Music Education
- 1990 – 1991 Rutgers University – New Brunswick, NJ  
Graduate Studies in Jazz Performance

### **Teaching Experience**

- 2005 – 2011** **NJPAC’s Wachovia Jazz for Teens, NJ**  
Percussion, music theory and small students ensembles and performances with faculty
- 2007 - 2011** **Stevens Institute of Technology, NJ**  
**Percussion instructor**
- 2008 - 2011** **Conservatory Amsterdam, The Netherlands**  
Private lessons (Drums), workshops (Jazz History and Drums), master classes (Rhythm section and Drums) and student ensembles for Master Students.
- 2009 – 2011** **US Virgin Islands: ‘Mentoring Through The Arts of Music’**  
Workshops in the school; Jazz History, Cultural Heritage, Music Theory and Drums. Individual music lessons, small students ensembles and performances.
- 2010 - 2011** **BAK School Florida; Music workshops and performance.**



## **Performance Experience**

### *Current on-going activities*

Dion Parson, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Band (1998, Bandleader)  
Playing all over the world with his own band: Dizzy's Club *Coca Cola*, New York;  
Bill's Place, Harlem NY; Reichhold Center of the Arts, USVI, Caribbean; Festivals in  
Europe.

Dion Parson, Creative Director United Jazz International (2007)  
As Creative Director of United Jazz International Dion works with Branford Marsalis  
and Steve Coleman on building residencies around the world.

Spokes Person for the "US Virgin Island Lottery" to promote the development of  
music education on all Islands

Dion Parson, Drummer of Jon Faddis (from 1992)  
Dion Parson, Drummer of Steve Turre (from 2000)  
Dion Parson, Drummer of Bill Saxton (from 2000)  
Dion Parson, Drummer of Wycliffe Gordon (from 2005)

Dion Parson, Broadway Shows: Color Purple, Mr Douglas (Frederick Douglas) and  
Langston in Harlem (2005 - 2010)

### *Projects*

|             |                                                                                            |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2010 – 2011 | Freda Payne, Iridium NYC                                                                   |
| 2010        | Nat Adderley jr., NYC                                                                      |
| 2010        | Commercial of the "US Virgin Island Lottery"<br>(Can be found on YouTube)                  |
| 2010        | Eddie Allen, Stony Brook College, NY                                                       |
| 2010        | Jan Parker Quartet, North Carolina                                                         |
| 2010        | Clifton Anderson Quartet, NYC                                                              |
| 2010        | Nicki Parrott Quintet, NYC                                                                 |
| 2009        | Allen Harris Quartet, Ischia, Italy                                                        |
| 2009        | John Hicks All Star Band, Jazz Mobile,<br>New York City                                    |
| 2009        | Nicki Perrott Quartet, New Jersey                                                          |
| 2009        | Nicki Perrott Quintet, Japan Tour                                                          |
| 2009        | Jan Parker, St. Peters Church, New York City                                               |
| 2009        | Jan Parker, Rainbow Room, New York City                                                    |
| 2009        | Dutch 400 year Celebration; The Netherlands – New<br>York, with Joris Teepe, New York City |
| 2009        | Project Dion Parson and Freddie Bryant with<br>Paul Bollenbeck, Smoke, New York City       |
| 2009        | Ernistine Anderson, Rochester Jazz Festival                                                |

2009 Ernestine Anderson, Dizzy's Club Coca Cola, JALC, New York City

2009 Barry Bryson, Storm King, Bronx NY

2009 Barry Bryson, Swing Street, Somerset, NJ

2009 Barry Bryson, Swing Street, Coney Island, NY

2009 Wrote the Soundtrack for the commercial for the VI-Lottery, St. Thomas USVI

2009 Appearance in a commercial for the VI-Lottery, St. Thomas USVI

2009 Clifford Jordon Tribute Concert, Mount Vernon

2008 Performing with Dutch musicians at 'Dizzy's' in Rotterdam, 'The Bimhuis' in Amsterdam and a student performance at the Conservatory of Amsterdam. The Netherlands

2008 Dion Parson/ Freddy Bryant Quartet at Smoke NY.

2008 John Hicks All Star Band

2008 Luther Henderson Scholarship Fundraiser at Julliard Conservatory New York

2008 David Gibson

2007 Jon Faddis, Jimmy Heath and Kenny Baron

2007 Dion Parson's Unity, Caribbean Tour

2007 Ernestine Anderson

2001 Sathima Bea Benjamin

1999 – 2002 Carnegie Hall Big Band

1997 – 2000 Ernest Ranglin Quartet (Reggae)

Lee Konitz Quartet

1997 – 2001 Babatunde Olatunji (Africa)

1996 – 1998 Laurent De Wilde Trio (France)

1995 – 1997 LuLu Noir (Jazz Opera, written by Jon Faddis & Lee Breuer)

1995 – 1997 Stephen Scott Trio

1995 – 1997 Don Byron Quintet

Terrell Stafford Quartet

1994 – 2009 Cyrus Chestnut Trio

1994 – 1996 Monty Alexander Trio

1995 David Sanchez

1993 – 1997 Donald Harrison Jazz Quartet

1993 Steve Grossman Quartet

1992 – 1997 Dion Parson/ Ron Blake project

1991 Geri Allen Trio

1990 – 2007 Ray Anderson Quartet