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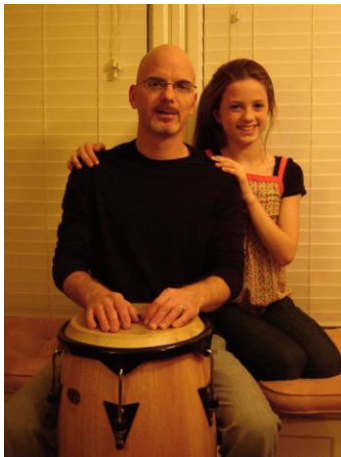
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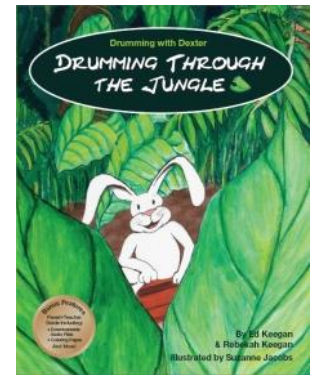
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Local Dad & Daughter Write in Rhythm . . .



Drumming with Dexter: Drumming Through the Jungle

[Fairport, NY] – Ed and Rebekah Keegan have co-written an upbeat interactive children’s book entitled, *Drumming with Dexter: Drumming Through the Jungle*, November, 2009. Rebekah, an aspiring author and 7th grade student at Johanna Perrin Middle School in Fairport, first suggested to her dad that they write the story together. The book is based on a popular arts-in-education rhythm program that Ed, a teaching artist affectionately known as “Drummer Ed,” offers in schools across the region.



Through a lovable bunny named Dexter who works for a magician, this dad and daughter duo have created a story that transports kids from the classroom into the jungle of the Congo Basin through a faulty magic hat. There, Dexter encounters some abandoned rhythm instruments and one by one he meets some interesting jungle friends. Together they learn the magic of making great rhythm together.

Drumming Through the Jungle is more than a story, it is a rhythmic adventure that is meant to be actively experienced with emerging readers (pre-K through 3rd grade), empowering them to be themselves and find their own rhythm. To facilitate this high level of engagement, the book is paired with an extensive online parent-teacher guide revealing the depth and multiple levels of learning that are cleverly woven into the story. This powerful resource includes downloadable audio files of the rhythms in the story, background of the authentic instruments, habitats of the animals, overview of the four basic temperaments via Dexter’s jungle friends, coloring pages, and so much more! To learn more about *Drumming with Dexter: Drumming Through the Jungle* go to www.rhythmconnect.com/dexter.

Ed and Rebekah are currently traveling around the area doing book signings and interactive readings at local bookstores and libraries. To schedule an event or book an interactive rhythm program contact Ed Keegan of Rhythm Connect (www.rhythmconnect.com) at: 585-200-2542 or ed@rhythmconnect.com. To find out where the book is available locally and online go to www.rhythmconnect.com/dexter.