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### **CULTURAL EDUCATION ANNOUNCES DEBUT CULTURAL POP-UP WORKSHOPS**

*First workshop to feature costume building and wire bending art on October 20 in St. Croix*

ST. CROIX, USVI – The Division of Virgin Islands Cultural Education (DVICE) announces the debut of its Cultural Pop-Up Workshops scheduled for the 2018-19 school year. The first of the series will be a **costume building and wire bending art workshop** held on **October 20, 2018** from **10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** at the **University of the Virgin Islands, Albert Sheen Campus**. The workshop will be facilitated by Shamari Haynes of the Simply Sophisticated Fun Troupe and wire bending artist Waldemar Brodhurst, both natives of St. Croix.

DVICE Director Valrica Bryson describes the workshops as “nine months of hands on fun.” “Every month we will rotate on both islands, St. Thomas and St. Croix to host workshops such as stilt walking, maypole and quadrille dancing, building go-carts and fish traps, said Bryson. The Pop-Ups will take place once a month from October to May and will be facilitated by local masters and culture bearers.

The program is being sponsored in part by the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts and the Reichhold Center for the Arts.

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