Invaders to perform at 2004 Steelband Festival

"L'APPRENTI SORCIER" (The Sorcerer's Apprentice) composed by Paul Dukas (1897) is the classical piece that BWIA Invaders Steel Orchestra will be performing at the upcoming 2004 Steelband Festival. This orchestral scherzo is being conducted by Dr Jeannine Remy. lecturer of music at the Centre for Creative and Festival Arts at the University of the West Indies (UWI) in St Augustine. The band's musical director, Nervin 'Teach' Saunders will

be assisting Dr Remy. Remy used the video of Walt Disney's film Fantasia, which cast Mickey Mouse in the role of the Apprentice, as a means of imparting the musical drama and storyline onto

the players. Dr Jeannine Remy is currently a lecturer of music at the Centre for Creative and Festival Arts at the University of the West Indies (UWI) in St Augustine, Trinidad where she teaches steelpan and percussion, pan ensemble, ethnomusicology, and numerous steelpan related courses. She is currently working with Invaders in preparation for the World Music Festival in

2004. She has also arranged



for Hatters Steel Orchestra in San Fernando and occasionally adjudicates for Pan

Trinbago. Previous to UWI, Dr Remy

was a tenured professor and

director of percussion studies at Idaho State University from 1992-2003 and a percussion instructor at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh from

1990-1992. A native of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Remy holds a doctorate from the University of Arizona and her Masters and Bachelors degrees from Northern Illinois University: all of her degrees are in percussion performance with an emphasis on ethnic music. In 1995 Dr Remy was awarded an alumni recognition of excellence in performance and

teaching by the University of

Arizona. Her publications can be found in the Percussive Notes Magazine.

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From 2000-200
Remy was a recipient
of a Fulbright Award
which allowed her to
lecture at the
University of the West
Indies and research the
history of steeldrums
with specific attention
towards the oral history of the Invaders Steel
Orchestra in

Woodbrook.

As a traditional percussionist and timpanist, Dr Remy has performed with following symphony orchestras: Idaho State Civic Symphony, Idaho Falls, Oshkosh, Fox Valley, Tucson, Phoenix, Rockford and Green Bay.

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He was the music critic for the Revue Hebdomadaire and Gazette des Beaux-Arts and at the same time, he was a professor of orchestration at the Conservatoire. His strong critical sense led him to destroy a number of his compositions and only allow a relatively small number of works to be published. He remained influential and respected as a

teacher.

By far the best known composition by Dukas is the symphonic scherzo L'Apprenti Sorcier. The music was recently popularised by Walt Disney, when he included a pictorial version of it in Fantasia with Mickey Mouse as the naughty apprentice.

The calypso "Pan in a Minor" is being arranged by the renowned Earl "Loveman" Brooks who has been working with Invaders over the past

vear.