

# First Caribbean Panorama in Grenada on Dec 1

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**REIGNING NATIONAL PANORAMA champion Exodus and WITCO Desperadoes Steel Orchestras will represent Trinidad and Tobago at premiere of the Caribbean Steelband Panorama competition scheduled for Saturday, December 1, in Grenada.**

At the launch of the event, which took place in Point Salines St George's at the Rex Grenadian Resort, on Saturday October 6, it was announced that ten contestants: one from Antigua; three from Grenada; one from St Lucia; one from St Vincent; one from Guyana; one from Barbados and the two Trinidad and Tobago orchestras would form the cast for the historic occasion.

Having already drawn for playing positions Exodus and Desperadoes would play in position nine and ten respectively at the event staged by the Caribbean Steelband Association (CARIPAN).

Pan Trinbago president Patrick Arnold is also head of the regional outfit formed in 1999.

Arnold said: "CARIPAN was formed to further unite the region. Having established the organisation we suggested a Caribbean Panorama as our first project. Originally it

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bands for this event, was that winners of each Panorama competition held in the region last year would be represented.

"Exodus," he said "was brought in to replace a band from Jamaica which could not make it."

He disclosed that all the governments with representatives serving on the CARIPAN committee have stated their commitment to the regional Panorama.

Delivering the

feature address at the event Joseph Charter, permanent secretary in Grenada's Ministry of Culture said his agency was very conscious of the important role culture played and he and his government intended to lend their fullest support.

As he lauded the efforts by CARIPAN, Charter encouraged the public to support the historic event while offering best wishes to the participants.

The order of appear-

ances and countries represented is as follows:

1. ACB Harmonites — Antigua
2. GRENLEC Rainbow City All Stars — Grenada
3. NCB Angel Harps — Grenada
4. Barbados United — Barbados
5. GBC New Dimension — Grenada
6. Guyana North American — Guyana
7. Starlift — St Vincent
8. Piton Diamond Steel — St Lucia
9. Exodus Steel Orchestra — Trinidad and Tobago
10. WITCO Desperadoes — Trinidad and Tobago.



10-TIME National Panorama champion WITCO Desperadoes Steel Orchestra. PHOTO BY SEAN NERO