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Sforzata takes Pan in the 21st Century title

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CLICO SFORZATA took the bmobile Pan in the 21st Century title on Saturday night at the Jean Pierre Complex, Wrightson Road, Port-of-Spain. The East Band beat out 11 other bands for the title including last year's winners from the southland, TCL Group Skiffle Bunch.

Playing in final position, Sforzata, conducted by Dr Jeanine Remy, played a lively version of Jasmine Sullivan's popular track "Bust Your Windows".

During the performance an old derelict car, a male driver and a woman were part of the props. As the woman came out of a bank she went straight to the car and tried to bust the driver's car windows with a baseball bat. The crowd loved it and so, too, did the judges as they secured 283 points to take the title and the \$100,000 first prize sponsored by bmobile.

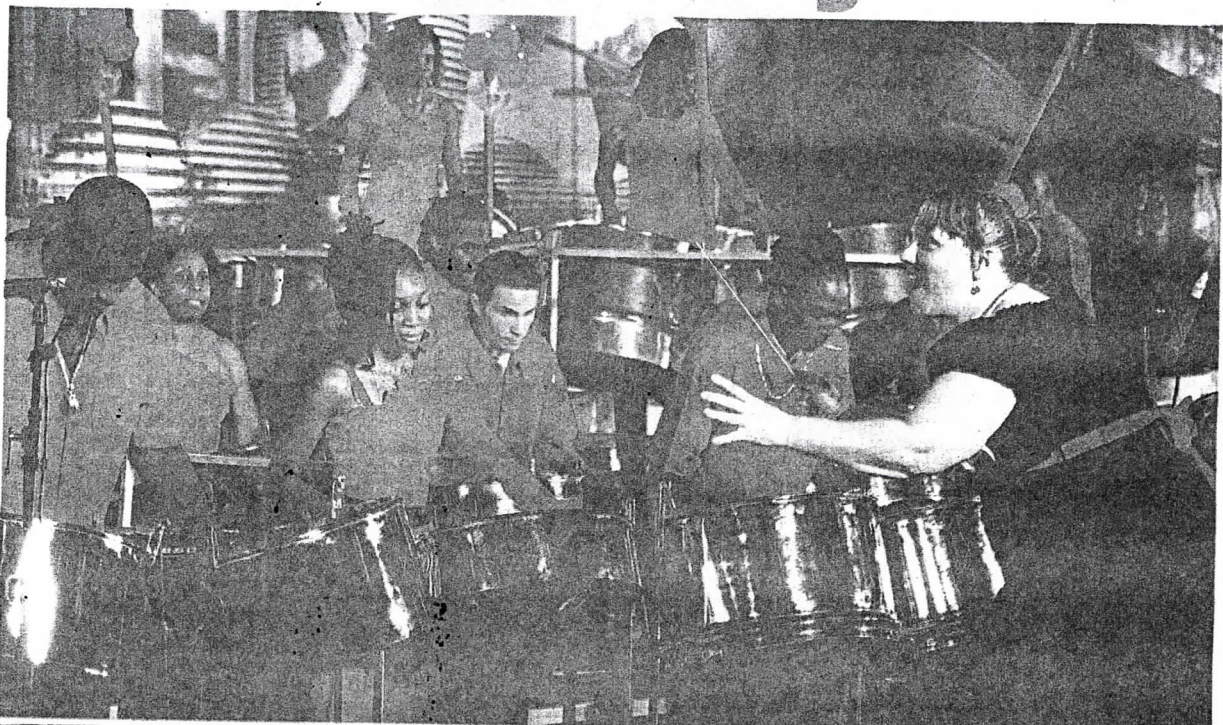
To some patrons Skiffle Bunch gave a low-keyed performance, perhaps because they were over the 50-player limit and two players had to be removed from the band before their performance. They played "I Look To You" by Whitney Houston and was only able to garner 264 points to tie for sixth position with PCS Silver Stars and Courts Sound Specialists of Laventille that played "I Got A Feeling" by Black Eyed Peas and "Empire State of Mind" by Alicia Keys respectively.

Second place winners were bp Renegades that played "I Surrender" by Celine Dion and the Codrington Pan Family that played "If I Ain't Got You" by Alicia Keys. Both bands opted their musical prowess over ps to win the hearts of those who came to hear good music. And those bands delivered just that.

Placing fourth were Solo Harmonites and Sagicor Exodus that tied with 266 points each.

Against a backdrop of music videos of the bands' tunes of choice and futuristic images, the stage was set for an exciting night of music. The show started promptly at 8 pm and ended at 11.45 pm with patrons fully satisfied with great entertainment from all the performances.

Judges in this category were Carl "Beaver" Henderson, and Chantal Esdelle.



WINNERS Clico Sforzata conducted by Dr Jeanine Remy.



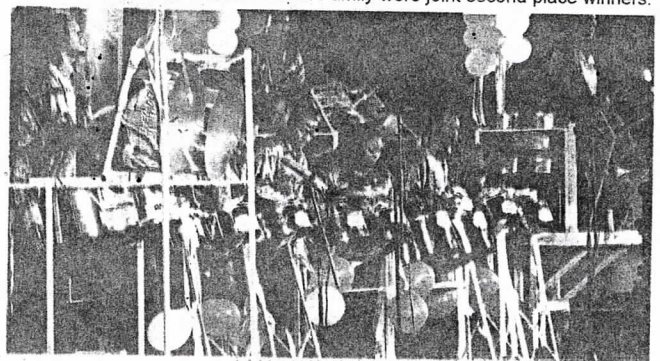
A SECTION of the crowd applauds lustily. PHOTOS BY SUREASH CHOLAI



CODRINGTON Pan Family were joint second place winners.

The full results are as follows:-

1. CLICO Sforzata - Bust Your Windows - 283
2. Codrington Pan Family - If I Ain't Got You - 273
2. bp Renegades - I Surrender - 273
4. Solo Harmonites - Try Sleeping With A Broken Heart - 266
4. Sagicor Exodus - Green Lights - 266
6. TCL Group Skiffle Bunch - I Look To You - 264
6. PSC Silver Stars - I Got A Feeling - 264
6. Courts Sound Specialists of Laventille - Empire State of Mind - 264
9. NLCB Fonclaire - PDA We Just Don't Care - 257
10. CAL Invaders - Dance With My Father - 255
11. Katzenjammers - I Promise - 252
12. Valley Harps - Beautiful - 249



bp Renegades tied for second place.