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Batson: Wrong name for National Steel Orchestra

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DR DAWN Batson wants all to know that the correct name for the National Steel Orchestra is "The Trinidad and Tobago National Steel Orchestra".

Batson, who is chairman of the orchestra, was clearing the air on the terminology used to describe the band.

"It has become common place for people to refer to the band as the National Steel Orchestra of Trinidad and Tobago (NSOTT) both at formal and informal functions.

But according to the Act of Parliament the name of the band is the Trinidad and Tobago National Steel Orchestra (TTNSO)," she said.

Her statements were made as she sought to highlight the third in a five-part series of public steelband concerts by the TTNSO taking place this Friday at the Greens in Arima.

The event is being held under the patronage of Mayor Elvin Edwards.

The 30-member band will entertain the public from 4.30 pm to

6.30 pm.

The first two parts of the series were held in Tobago and Chaguanas in May and June.

According to Nestor Sullivan, operations manager of the TTNSO, the concerts are designed to expose the music and musicians of the band to the national community.

At Friday's concert patrons will

witness the performance of the test piece for the upcoming Schools Steelband Music Festival, "Tribute To Kitchener" composed by Jit Samaroo.

Other venues scheduled for the Friday series of public appearances by the band include Harris Promenade, San Fernando, on August 10, and Woodford Square, Port-of-Spain, on August 24.