



Members of Petrotrin Siparia Deltones play to victory during Wednesday night's National Panorama (conventional small band) competition.



These women, of La Horquetta Pan Groove, go through their rendition to retain the title in the single pan competition. PHOTOS: ANTHONY HARRIS

# Sweet victory for Siparia Deltones

## SEAN NERO

PETROTRIN Siparia Deltones is the new conventional small band champion in this year's National Panorama Competition.

The victory is all the sweeter since the first prize in this category is \$400,000—a 100 per cent increase from last year.

Playing Carlton Alexander's arrangement of Fireball's (Rohan Richards) hit-song titled What I Want, Deltones, led by Ricardo Marshall, ended Merrytones' consecutive wins in the mbobile category finals, staged by Pan Trinbago on Wednesday night.

Venue was the western end of Queen's Park Savannah, Port-of-Spain.

The judges awarded Deltones 275 points, while Merrytones, — for its rendition of Seion Gomez' arrangement of Eunice Peters' Can't Get Enough— earned 270.

Pan Elders, which like Deltones, hails from the south, placed third with 269 points for its treatment of De Fosto's Pan Lamentation, arranged by Richard Gittens.

This category featured eight contestants.

The single pan bands were also featured on the night's playbill.

Sixteen contestants went up

against defending champion La Horquetta Pan Groove, which remained unbeatable.

For its scintillating delivery of Collen Ella's Johnny, arranged by Duvone Stewart, the band retained the championship with 273 points.

La Horquetta Pan Groove was presented with a revised first prize of \$185,000—a \$65,000 increase.

Second place went to Peake Yacht Services Pan Groove with Seion Gomez' interpretation of Poser's Ah Tell She (262 points).

Third place went to Marsicans, playing Bees Melody arranged by Marlon White, to earn a total of 249 points.

## THE RESULTS

### Conventional Small Bands:

Position	Band	Points
1.	Petrotrin Siparia Deltones	275
2.	Merrytones	270
3.	Pan Elders	269
4.	Tamana Pioneers	265
5.	Tunapuna All Stars	263
6.	Crescendoes Musical	262
7.	Casablanca	257
8.	Southern Marines Steelband Foundation	254

### Single pan category

Position	Band	Points
1.	La Horquetta Pan Groove	273
2.	Peake Yacht Services Pan Groove	262
3.	Marsicans	249
4.	T&T Defence Force	248
5.	Original Woodbrook Modernaires	247
6.	Hope Pan Groovers	245
7.	La Creole Pan Groove	244
8.	Pan On the Move	243
9.	Gonzales Sheikers	242
10.	Ice Water Pan Ensemble	241
11.	Arima All Stars	240
12.	Nu Pioneers Pan Groove	239.5
13.	Angostura Woodbrook Playboyz	239
14.	Cocorite West Wind	235
15.	Harlem Syncopators	233.5
16.	San Juan East Side Symphony	230