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Melodians takes pan to Middle East, North Africa

The globe-trotting BT Melodians Steelband—founded and led by Trinidadian Terrence Noel—was in full attendance in two different countries during the last week of April.

The first visit (April 18-22) was to Doha, Qatar, to entertain guests of the British Ambassador, John Hawkins, gathered to commemorate the Queen's Birthday.

While there, the band paid a visit to the Doha English Speaking School (DESS) at which Institution leader Terry Noel in 2009 organised a steelband among students. The BT Melodians held a workshop session during their visit there.

Then it was on to Morocco, North Africa (April 28 -30) to be part of celebrations to mark the wedding of Prince William and Kate, Duchess of Cambridge.

The band played at the residence of the British Ambassador, Tim Morris, whose nine-year-



BT Melodians members with Trinidadian Christiane Agostini (front second left) in Morocco.

old son played in the percussion section of Melodians throughout the evening.

In Morocco they paid a visit to the Children's Hospital, where they played and were joined on stage by a few of the children, fascinated with the idea of a live steelband performing in their midst.

According to Noel, while in

Morocco, he was surprised to meet a Trini in the person of Christiane Agostini, close relative of the Agostinis (Mike, Collin and others,) who now lives in Morocco. She is the wife of one of the Austrian diplomats in Morocco.

She posed for a picture with the band and reminisced about the Trinidad she left behind.