

Steelband Festival scheduled in August

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PAN TRINBAGO will hold a Steelband Music Festival this year, from August 1 to 28, at a venue still to be selected.

The steelbands' body announced yesterday that it has retained the services of English adjudicator, Professor John Russell, to adjudicate at the upcoming Festival.

Professor Russell is widely known to steelbandsmen, since he has already adjudicated at Steelband Festivals in Trinidad during the past years.

According to Pan Trinbago's announcement, "Professor Russell, it could be said, made a very valuable contribution to the attaining of high standards by steelbands through his manner of adjudication".

The "test piece" for the Festival will be selected by Professor Russell himself.

At the last Music Festival, held in December, 1973, L. J. Williams Nu-Tones, of Arima, emerged winners.

Venue was Queen's Park Savannah, which turned out to be a very unfavourable one, and competition in that Festival was held in three categories—A, B, and C—followed by a Champion of Champions night.

Each steelband, in the last Festival, was required to play



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three pieces—tune of choice, a calypso, and the test piece, which was Schubert's "Marche Militaire."

In the light of the announcement made by Pan Trinbago yesterday, the northern region of the pan body announced simultaneously that it would hold a general meeting for panmen in the north, starting 9.30 a.m., on Sunday, at Pan Trinbago's offices on Queen Street, Port-of-Spain.