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Steelbands Can Play Classics For Festival But ...

Steelbands taking part in next month's Music Festival need have no fear about playing the classics. This assurance has been given Dr. Herbert Wiseman and Mr. David Wilcox, festival adjudicators. "The great thing," said Mr. Wilcox, is to be faithful to the composer."

Mr. Wilcox arrived in Trinidad yesterday morning to assist Dr. Wiseman. They will make their own arrangements for adjudication at Queen's Hall and the Royal Victoria Institute.

Mr. Wilcox, who is accompanied by his wife, is a lecturer in music at the University of Cambridge.

He has adjudicated in England, Scotland and Wales. He said he was looking forward enormously to his job here.

Asked about the steelband, he said that before arriving at the home of Mrs. May Johnstone, chairman of the Music Festival Committee, he did not know what to picture at all.

IMPORTANT THING

Told that there were people who held the view that the steelbands should not play the classics, Mr. Wilcox said that there were purists, of course, but he thought that great music could be transferred to any medium. The important thing he said, was sincerity.

He added that it did not mean taking the classics and jazzing them up or taking fragments of it. He said: "You had to reproduce the composer's ideas."