

'Despers' for Carnegie Hall

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DESPITE their only winning the *Pan is Beautiful V* championship a mere two days ago, WITCO Desperadoes Steel Orchestra have already started reaping benefits for its victory.

At a breakfast at the Trinidad Hilton last Sunday morning by *New York Daily News* vice-president John Campi, it was revealed that Desperadoes will perform at Carnegie Hall, New York, on May 24, 1989. This will be the band's third performance at this prestigious concert hall in two years.

The concert is being jointly produced by the *Daily*

News and New York's *Carib News*, together with a number of sponsors whose names are still to be revealed. Campi said that on this visit, he is hoping to have Desperadoes do the college circuit, doing workshops/performances at St John's and Queens Colleges, and at the internationally renowned Juilliard School of Dance.

Campi also spoke of plans, dependant upon the extent of sponsorship obtained, to have Desperadoes perform in Philadelphia and Hartford, Connecticut, and at Berklee College in Boston.

Campi was very high in praise about the the band's previous New York performances. He cited the discipline of the musicians; the competence

of conductor/arranger Pat Bishop; and, the orchestra's performance at Carnegie Hall. He said Carnegie Hall administrator Skitch Henderson was pleasantly surprised when, as the opening act for Lisa Minelli, Desperadoes received the night's only two standing ovations, as well as the full front page of the *Daily News*. "That was extraordinary," said Campi.

The New York newspaperman also suggested that the tour will have more impact with the fullest support from the Ministry of Industry, Enterprise and Tourism, the Ministry of Youth, Sport, Culture and Creative Arts, and the Trinidad and Tobago Tourist Board.

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