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National Steel Symphony in free Independence concert

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PAN BUZZ

Steelpan news

On Sunday members are asked to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association from 11 am, at the same venue.

Panorama champions, Neal and Massy Trinidad All Stars will go to the races, at Santa Rosa Racing Complex today. The band will be providing music for the day's programme.

Tonight, the National Steel Symphony Orchestra (NSSO) under the baton of Jessel Murray will present Pan On A Higher, An Independence Gala at the Naparima Bowl, San Fernando at 7 pm. The event is part of the Arts Showcase series, celebrating our 50th anniversary of Independence.

The featured act will be the Ustad Ghulam Dastergir Khan and his instrumental ensemble from India.

Pan On a Higher Note has been an outstanding presentation of the NSSO, in which the band shows its versatility playing different genres of music, calypso included. The band has been coming off successful performances with the Tambores de Cabildo from Columbia in July, and the National Symphony Orchestra of the United States in June. In May the National Steel Symphony Orchestra was featured in the Steelfest presentation with Drums of India.

Pan On A Higher Note is a must see event, and it is free to the public tonight.

The big event which will bring the curtain down on a weekend of pan is the Carib Woodbrook Playboyz 50th Anniversary of Independence Fiesta on Saturday. This gala event has an entertainment list that is varied. The big guns of pan will be there—WITCO Desperadoes, Petrotrin Phase Two Pan Groove, bp Renegades, PCS Nitrogen Silver Stars, Starlift and Republic Bank Exodus. The legendary Mighty Sparrow heads a cast that includes Superblue, Lord Nelson, Scrunter, Ronnie Mc Intosh, Rootsman and Steve Sealy.

Charlie's Roots, tassa and Los Alumnos De San Juan will provide the parang sounds.

Ole time mas characters will also be featured.

Renegades steals the show

Congratulations to the Woodbrook Community Association (WAC), Pan Trinbago, the Tourism Development Company (TDC) and the Ministries of Arts and Multiculturalism, Communications and Planning and Sustainable Development for pulling off a successful Pan On The Avenue event which was well attended. All indications are that this might be an annual event.

Reports reaching the Pan Buzz are that the Woodbrook bands let go real music, but it was the bp Renegades who stole the show with an exciting repertoire and a medley of Kitchener songs.

It was music like lentil peas. A great time was had by all.