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PHASE II Pan Groove at one of its performances in New York during the recent June-July tour by 1988 Panorama champions.

Phase II makes big hit in New York

RECENT PERFORMANCES by 1988 Panorama champions Phase II have been termed as the "largest free concert in the history of New York." This description has come from John Campi, vice president and director of promotion and public relations of the *New York Daily News*.

Campi in a letter to Minister of Industry, Enterprise and Tourism Senator Ken Gordon last week said: "I would like to share the with you the excitement and the success of Phase II Pan Groove's recent tour of New York City."

He was commenting on the band's June 25 to July 4 performances at nine locations in the Big Apple. He said: "In my opinion and those of many who observed, this was thoroughly one of the finest efforts to promote a tour this city has ever seen."

Campi enthused that mixed crowds of all nations thoroughly enjoyed Phase II "and it is my belief that

during these concerts that reached so many people, the message of Trinidad's cultural offerings was widely received."

He thanked and congratulated the Ministry, the Tourist Board and BWIA on behalf of the sponsors "for their support in making this great event happen." Sponsors were AT&T, Coca Cola, *New York Daily News* and the *Carib News*.

The band had four shows on June 25 and June 26 at the Queen's Fair at which two and half million people attended.

Other performances where thousands were thrilled by the Trinidad steelband included the World Trade Centre, Columbia University, City Hall (where Mayor Ed Koch turned pannist), Jones Beach, Forest Park and Prospect Park.

Phase II was a big hit at July 4 Independence Festival at Wall. Attendance at the festival was 200,000-plus.