

Sforzata's little magicians

MEET THE Sforzata Steel Orchestra twins, 14-year-olds Mazzini and Gina Gill.

Their father, Merlin "Mutt" Gill, is the arranger of the Sforzata steelband which will be playing De Fosto's "Pan In A Rage" for Panorama 1996.

Mazzini, who is a dwarf, attends the same school with his sister Gina, El Dorado Secondary. They are in Form Three.

The twins play tenor pans. However, Mazzini is entrusted by his father to distribute music for the frontline pans in the band.

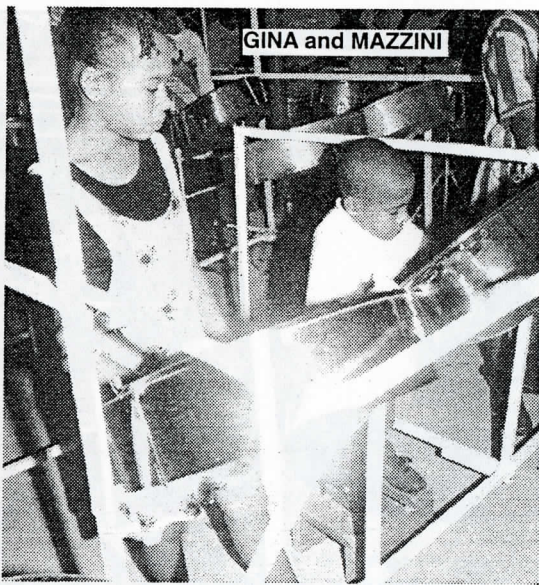
Mazzini makes quite an interesting sight, as he climbs upon a wooden box to play his instrument.

Because of his shortened hands the greater part of Mazzini's body is lost within the dish of his tenor.

Apart from the twins, Sforzata has a Panorama force of 95-players thanks to their mid-'95 programme for young pannists during which Mazzini and Gina played important tutoring roles.

Sforzata, an offshoot from Curepe Scherzando, was formed in 1975. The band made their only national Panorama finals in 1978 playing Kitchener's "Pan in the 21st Century."

Sforzata qualified for the East Zone final threetimes and won the Port of Spain Bomb competition in 1978 performing Olive Walke's "Mangoes."



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