

# Smooth start to pan prelims

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THE preliminary round of judging for the 2007 edition of Panorama kicked off on Thursday with the adjudicators visiting the Medium and Single Pan steelbands in all of Pan Trinbago's regions.

In the Medium Band category in the Eastern Region, the Harmonites Steel Orchestra at the Morvant Junction was the first band visited by the judges at 7 p.m. and played "Sylvie Breakaway" as arranged for them by Earl La Pierre.

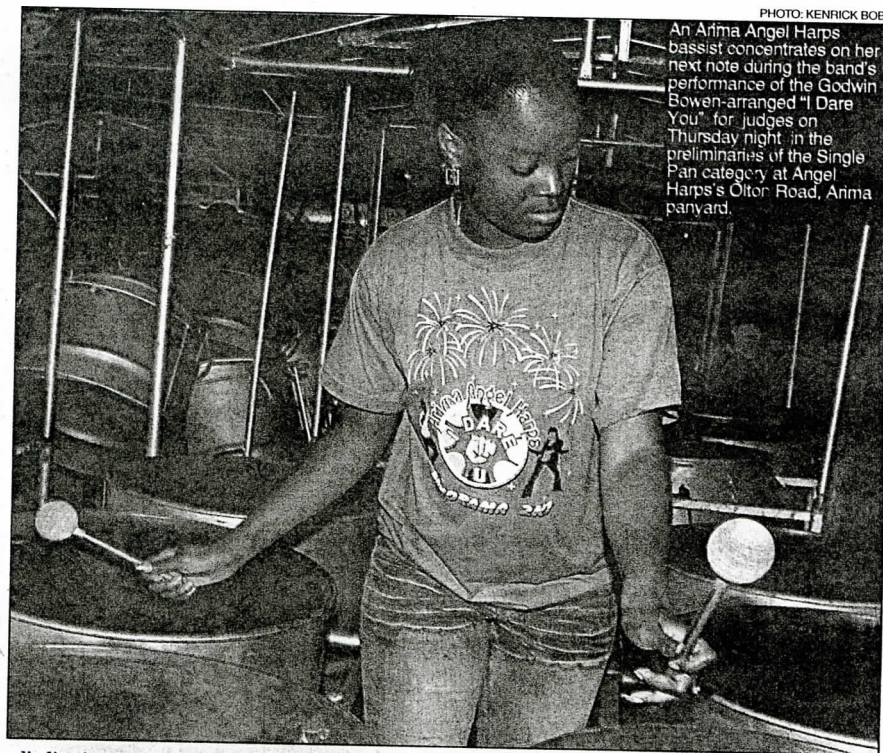
From there the judges headed up Sixth Avenue, Malick where they listened to Potential Symphony playing a Len "Boogsie" Sharpe / Anthony Alexis composition entitled "Sharing Licks," arranged by Carlton Harewood and Anselm Campbell. Other medium bands from the Eastern Region visited by the judges on Thursday included Curepe Scherzando, Clico Sforzata, Parry's Pan School, Arima Angel Harps, Melodians and the Sangre Grande Cordettes.

In the Single Pan steelband category, judging kicked off promptly at 7pm with the adjudicators visiting the All Aces Steelband which played "Outcast." The night's session ended at 12:25 am when the Woodbrook Playboyz at Tragate Road, Port of Spain, finished its performance of "Sharing Licks," which drew loud cheers from the large crowd gathered at the panyard. In fact the atmosphere at Playboyz was that of a roaring fete as music was played in between the pannists running the tune from time to time. The judges



arrived at the Playboyz panyard at midnight following adjudication of the Woodbrook Modernaires Steelband, just a short walk away at the corner of French Street and the Western Main Road. The judges arrived there at 11:20pm to hear the band perform "Sugar Boy," arranged for them by Len "Boogsie" Sharpe.

Keith Diaz, Chairman of Pan Trinbago's Northern Region, which was responsible for supervising the



An Arima Angel Harps bassist concentrates on her next note during the band's performance of the Godwin Bowen-arranged "I Dare You" for judges on Thursday night in the preliminaries of the Single Pan category at Angel Harps's Olton Road, Arima panyard.

adjudication process on the night, said that everything went smoothly throughout the night save for a couple of first night glitches. He said that although people did come out to lend support to the various steelbands he believed that there could have been larger crowds and many stayed away because of fears over the present crime situation plaguing the nation. The Playboyz steelband attracted the night's largest crowd of a couple hundred people while the other bands had merely dozens of supporters coming out. Diaz also pointed out that the overall calibre of performances was of a high standard and promises that the competition in all categories of the Panorama will be fierce this year.

The competition continues tonight and tomorrow in the following regions:

#### SOUTH-CENTRAL REGION

Large Bands Category - Tonight  
Time: 7 p.m.

1. Petrolin Hatters - Pan Music Sweet - Dr. Jeannine 'J9' Remy
2. N.L.C.B. Fonclaire - Pan Lamentation - Darren Sheppard
3. T.C.L Group Skiffle Bunch - Sharing Licks - Ken 'Professor' Philmore
4. Tropical Angel Harps - Pan Lamentation - Clarence Morris

#### TOBAGO REGION

Medium Bands - Tonight

1. T&TEC East Side New Dimension - Pan Lamentation - Delbert Henry
2. West Side Symphony - Play One - Tony "Pan Jumbie" Williams
3. Carib Dibeland - Pan Lamentation - Len "Boogsie" Sharpe
4. N.C.B. Succooners - Unknown Band - Vernon "Self" Dennis
5. Katzenjammers - Pan Lamentation - Sydney Joseph
6. Steel Xplosion - Pan Lamentation - Brian "Bear" Griffith

#### NORTHERN REGION (NOT BEING JUDGED)

Large Bands Category - Tomorrow (sun)  
Time: 7 p.m.

1. Neal & Massy Trinidad All Stars - Pan Lamentation - 2007 - Leon "Smooth" Edwards
2. bpTT Renegades - Band From Space - 2007 - Dr. Jil Samaroo
3. WITCO Desperadoes - This 2007 - Ray Holman
4. PCS Starlift - We Just Can't Go On Like This 2007 - Len "Boogsie" Sharpe
5. Phase 11 Pan Groove - Sharing Licks - 2007 - Len "Boogsie" Sharpe
6. Caribbean Airlines Invaders - Pan Lamentation 2007 - Arddin Herbert - Oval Car Park, Woodbrook

#### EASTERN REGION

Small Bands Category -

- Time: 7 p.m.
1. Moods - I Dare You - Sean Thomas
  2. Flamingoes - More Money 2007 - Gillan Tobias
  3. Tunapuna All Stars - Lying Excuses - Mark Hosten
  4. Tipica - Bradley 2007 - Harold Headley
  5. Fascinators Pan Symphony - The Sound of Pan - Lennox Jordan
  6. Simple Song - Darling - Roger Charles/tan Charles
  7. Arima Golden Symphony - Sharing Licks - Terrence "BJ" Marcelle

## Despers plays 'Band From Space'

TEN-TIME National Panorama champion WITCO Desperadoes is playing "Band From Space" for this year's competition, dispelling rumours that the band would not appear, a source said.

The tune, which was composed by Amrit Samaroo and recorded by calypsonian Crazy, is being arranged for Desperadoes as a collaborative effort between a group of arrangers, but the Despers management will not reveal who these persons are until Sunday when the Panorama Karavan

visits the band at its Laventille Pan Complex. The Despers management have been very tight lipped over what is happening with the band as far as Panorama is concerned after ace arranger, Robbie Greenidge who was expected to work with them again this year failed to arrive in Trinidad up to last week.

"Desperadoes is in the Panorama," declared the band's Captain, Bertram Glasgow yesterday before the Express found out what song they were playing. "We have a

song and everything else is falling into place. I will not reveal what the song is or anything else at this time, but by weekend we will be ready to talk," Glasgow said.

Pan Trinbago secretary, Richard Forteau explained yesterday that while the 16 large conventional steel orchestras are all automatically going through the semi-final round of competition and are therefore not being judged in the panyards, events will still be hosted by the various steel orchestras during the coming week of

judging for the Small and Medium bands. Forteau said that there will be Panorama Karavan moving around in which each of the large conventional bands will deliver a half-hour concert performance that will include their Panorama tune. "This is being done so that the supporters and fans of the bands will still have the opportunity to hear them play although they are not being judged. These mini-concerts will also allow the bands to earn some revenue as well," Forteau said.