

Nu Pioneers tops east single pan bands

NU PIONEERS Pan Groove has topped the eastern regional leg of the single pan band Panorama preliminaries. The band from Sanchez Extension, Arima, got the judges approval after panyard judging in the eastern region was completed on Sunday.

Nu Pioneers played the song "Total Disorder" by the Mighty Duke and scored 281.5, to beat San Juan East Side Symphony by two points. The San Juan side performed Iwer George's "Nah Do Dat."

Seventeen single pan bands took part in the eastern region preliminary leg and were judged in their panyards on the nights of January 26, 27 and 28. According to Ronald McClean, one of the executive officers of Pan Trinbago's eastern region, only twelve of these sides advanced to the semi-finals.

The twelfth band is North Eastern All Stars which performed Blue Boy's (now Super Blue) "Soca Baptist". He said the eastern winners would be joining all other regions at the semis which would take place on February 10 at Victoria Square, Port-of-Spain.

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