

All Stars Sunshine award to stay in NY

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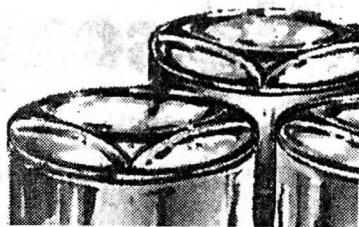
FOUNDING members of the Neal & Massy Trinidad All Stars, who now reside in New York and nearby states, have said that the Sunshine Award won by the band on October 16, will have to stay in that country for a while.

The members expressed their pride in the band, which won the award for its rendition of "Me and Mih Lady," a song by calypsonian

Car Wash. The piece was arranged for Panorama 1998 by Leon "Smooth" Edwards, who also lives in the US.

All Stars won from a stiff field, including PCS Nitrogen Starlift ("O Trinidad"), Exodus for David Rudder's "High Mas" and the Amoco Renegades version of Raf Robertson's "Pan for Carnival".

The award was presented at the 11th annual Sunshine Awards, produced by the Calypso and Steelband



Music Awards Inc, at the Tribeca Performing Arts Centre, Manhattan, New York.

At the function, Lennox Nelson collected the award and told the *Express* that the plan was to "kidnap" the trophy for awhile, so that it could be celebrated by the New York arm of the All Stars.

"After all, Neville Jules lives here and he is the man to whom the band owes probably the most for its successes up to today," Nelson said.

Jules, 78, one of the band's founders and leader for more than three decades, is credited with several designs of pan-tuning templates, the invention of the contemporary bass pans, and the originator of the Jouvvert Bomb competition for steelbands.

Up to last year, Jules arranged his second medley of pop songs for Neal & Massy Trinidad All Stars for use at the Jouvvert morning Bomb competition.