

21 bands for pan festival

REIGNING national steelband panorama champions Exodus is among 21 bands committed to performing in the street parade of this year's Laventille Steelband Festival.

The festival, now in its second year, is a community celebration of Emancipation, highlighting the African contribution to the development of pan.

A committee comprising sporting, cultural, youth, police, business and hometown interests, operating under the aegis of the Board of the Laventille Community Complex is currently putting the final touches to the event, after many months of planning and consultation.

The parade, which takes place on Sunday, August 5,

along the Eastern Main Road in Success Village (from L'Espinet Street to Dorata Street) is the final component in this year's Laventille Steelband Festival.

A Youth Camp on August 1 and Pan Workshop on July 28 were this year added, to enhance the festival which last year attracted some 10,000 spectators to the parade of the steelbands.

For ease of movement by the general public, Police Chief Hilton Guy has approved the committee's request to make the Old St Joseph Road a two-

way alternative route for the duration of the parade, which begins at 4 p.m. and runs until midnight.

Apart from Exodus, ten-time National Panorama Champions, the Witco Desperadoes and ten other conventional steel orchestras, plus eight single-pan bands, a bamboo group and the Laventille Rhythm Section will comprise the parade, which is free to the public.

For further information or details contact: Terry Joseph 633-1500, e-mail trj@wow.net