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Shabazz: Laventille Pan Fest history incorrect



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\$2,500 for their performance," Shabazz said.

Community Complex manager and member of the Laventille Steelband Festival committee that

produced the event over the past two years, Julien Cudjoe was dismissive of the claim by Shabazz.

"Yes, in 1995 we did have a steelband event as described by Shabazz," Cudjoe said, "but it was nothing like this, certainly not on the scale of the event we had last Sunday. I think Shabazz is being less than honest when he suggests that what we did in 95 is the mother of the current festival."

By TERRY JOSEPH

FORMER Senator Muhammad Shabazz says stories being circulated about the recently concluded Laventille Steelband Festival, suggesting it began only last year, are incorrect since he produced two such events in the 90s

Shabazz said he only wanted to set history straight and was not interested in stirring any contro-

versy. "But people should know it was my idea. I formed a group, which included some of the very members of the present committee and we pulled it off," he said.

Insisting he is only bringing it to attention for fair-play, Shabazz said: "This is just so that our children will have the correct information. You know what happens with these things is that 20 years later, the children and

grandchildren will believe what they hear, if the facts are not recorded anywhere.

"In 1995 I was a member of the Board of Laventille Community Complex and put together a committee to do the first steelband festival in the area. There were eight bands, including Invaders, Trinidad All Stars, Exodus and Desperadoes. They played from stationary positions and we paid each band