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All Stars back from successful NY tour

NEAL and Massy Trinidad All Stars Steel Orchestra, one of the premier steelbands in the land, completed a one-week series of concerts in New York, last Monday.

The band, which has won many honours and followers in its long and colourful history, played tunes from its winning Panorama and Music Festival

repertoires at the concerts organised by the *New York Daily News*. All Stars won four Panorama titles and five Music Festival championships.

Denise Riley, band secretary, said 49 band members went on the tour which was All Stars' first New York appearance in 12 years. The band was assisted by the Tourism and Industrial De-

velopment Company (Tidco) in its preparations.

The tour started with a concert at City Hall, Manhattan and included appearances at Columbia University, World Trade Centre, Rye Playland, Metrotec Centre, Vancourtland Park and Labour Day celebrations in Brooklyn.

Formed in 1935 as Hell Yard Boys, Trinidad All Stars has

toured several countries including the United Kingdom, Jamaica, Puerto Rico and Barbados.

In 1982, All Stars received a national award — the Humming Bird Medal (Gold). The band won its first Steelband Music Festival in 1968 and first Steelband Panorama title in 1973. Its last festival victory was in 1994.