



Phase II Pan Groove



Woodbrook has been the home of many steelbands none the least being Invaders. But in September of 1972 another steelband was formed in the name of Phase II Pan Groove. It was formed by many young steelband players when Starlift, another Woodbrook band, dissolved. The band began by playing mas with a presentation entitled "We the people". There was something peculiar about this new band. There was no leader only a Manager in the person of Mr. Peter Aleong. Len "Boogsie" Sharpe was the musical Director. Selwyn Tarradath and Michael Phelps were Senior Assistant Administrators.

The band attracted many young college students. Soon after, Andy Phillips, Lennox Stephens and Ken Greene joined the band as experienced players. They were lat-

er joined by David "Yarbi" Alexander who at the time captained the Fatima Steelband and Anise Hadeed. Anise is still a member of this band, and has arranged for many other steelbands and has also enjoyed international exposure. In an era when it was difficult to see a steelband within a large costumed band, Phase II played music for Irvin McWilliams band "Buccoo Reef" in 1972. One of the hallmark of Phase II is that from 1974 to the present time the band has played selections by arranger, composer and musical director Len "Boogsie" Sharpe. The list comprises:

- 1974 - Laslap
- 1975 - Rock it with Pan
- 1976 - Rags to Riches
- 1977 - I like to Beat Pan
- 1978 - Carnival is Bacchanal
- 1979 - 79 is Mine
- 1980 - No Panorama

- 1981 - Pan in a Rage
- 1982 - Pan Take Over
- 1983 - Pan Rebels
- 1984 - I Music
- 1985 - Musical Wine
- 1986 - Pan Raising
- 1987 - The Feeling Nice
- 1988 - Woman is Boss
- 1989 - Fire Down Below
- 1990 - Breakdown
- 1991 - Pan in yuh Ras
- 1992 - Jam meh up
- 1993 - Birthday Party
- 1994 - Panic
- 1995 - Jam it with you
- 1996 - Mind yuh Business
- 1997 - Mis behave
- 1998 - Clear the Way
- 1999 - Sweet and Sexy
- 2000 - My Time
- 2001 - Freedom
- 2002 - Do What Yuh Want
- 2003 - Music in Mih Blood

Phase II Pan Groove became the first steelband in the history of Panorama to win the coveted title "Panorama Champions",

with its 'own tune'. This occurred in 1987 with the selection "This Feeling Nice". To prove this was no fluke, Phase II Pan Groove repeated this feat in 1988 with the selection "Woman is Boss". Over the years Phase II Pan Groove has done great justice by competing successfully at Pan Ramajay and at the Bi-annual Steelband Music Festival. After many years without a sponsor, in 1999 Phase II received full sponsorship from Petrotrin.

The band has also toured extensively, touching on all five continents at one time or another. Phase II Pan Groove owes much of its success to its arranger Len "Boogsie" Sharpe for his sheer musical talent and direction which no doubt will continue for years to come.