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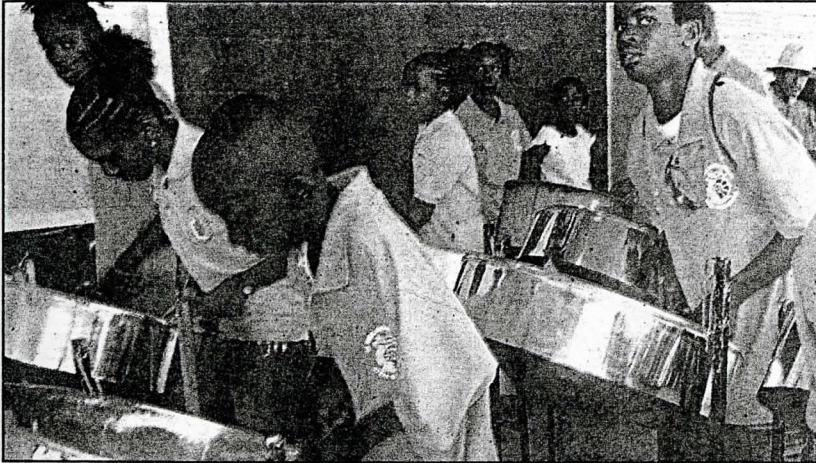
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After 28-year hiatus...

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# La Brea Nightingales back in Panorama



Member of the Nightingales Steel orchestra during a rehearsal at their panyard in La Brea, recently.

AFTER 28 years in the wilderness, the La Brea Nightingales steelband is returning to Panorama competition this year.

Decades ago, Nightingales was one of the leading bands in the deep south but financial problems in re-

cent years led to its decline. Despite the difficulties the band continued to function and was a regular part of La Brea Carnival celebrations.

Manager Errol Joseph said, "We have been through some very difficult times but we have now secured a sponsor in Alutrint and we are looking at a brighter future."

Joseph indicated that the band had developed a close relationship with schools in the area and they had been able to introduce several youngsters to the steelband instrument.

For Panorama 2007, the Alutrint La Brea Nightingales, as the band is now called, will perform "Pan Lamentation" by the Original De Fosto. The tune is arranged by Tyrelle Marcelle and the band practices every evening at its panyard in Point Sable Road, Point D'or, La Brea.

Marcelle, who also lives in La Brea, admitted that Nightingales always had a fondness for De Fosto and "the last time we played in a Panorama, we also played a De Fosto tune." He said that there was still time for more people to join the band for Panorama 2007.

"Now that the band is back on its feet", he said "we expect the entire community will come out and support us".