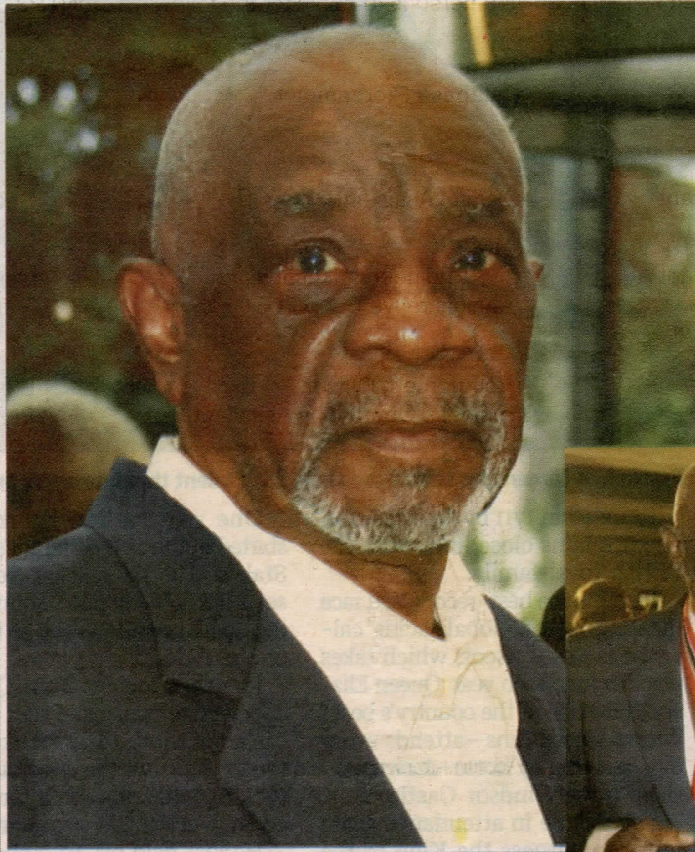




The Ministry of the Arts and Multiculturalism

**Mr. Bertram “Bertie” Lloyd Marshall, O.R.T.T.  
Steelpan Innovator, Instrument-maker and Tuner  
(February 6, 1936 – October 17, 2012)**



The Ministry mourns the passing of steelpan pioneer and legend Bertie Marshall.

Highly regarded as the inventor of the modern-day steelpan, Mr. Marshall's lasting legacy to the world includes, among other achievements:

- Harmonic tuning of the steelpan
- High tenor and double tenor
- The Quadrophonic (invented in collaboration with the late Rudolph Charles, former leader/tuner of Desperadoes Steel Orchestra)
- Electronically amplified steelpan – the Bertfone

- Canopied pan racks (he originated its use upon detecting the damaging effects of heat on the instruments).

Mr. Marshall was also awarded the Chaconia Medal (Gold) in 1992, for his contribution and service to Trinidad and Tobago.

The Ministry of the Arts & Multiculturalism extends deepest condolences to the family and relatives of Mr. Marshall, and to the steelpan fraternity.

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