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News from the Steel Pan Community

[The "Great Escape 2008"](#) - Consert Cruise with OD TAPO IMI February 23 - Mar 1, 2008



OD TAPO IMI is announcing their first annual Vacation/Concert Cruise aptly titled, "Great Escape 2008." Planned and developed by Chief Kahuna & Registered Joyologist, along with Carnival Cruise Lines and Lincolnshire Cruises.

Set sail with OD TAPO IMI for a seven day vacation you'll never forget beginning (in just over year) on Feb. 23, 2008!

Enjoy exclusive activities with the band, such as Live OD TAPO IMI Karaoke/Open Mic, Conga Thing Drum Circle, Soak Up the Sun Poolside Concerts, Bang on the Drum Seminar, Kids-only Concert, Caribbean SunSplash Show & more.

Read more at

<http://web.archive.org/web/20061209122228/http://www.funconcert.com/Cruise.html>

[3 December 2006]

[Electric Steel Drums](#) - now with [sound samples and video clips](#)

The Steel Drum Enters The 21st Century! Welcome to the birth of a new era in steel drums. Presenting a "proof of concept" electronic steel drum. Image having the sound and form factor of an acoustical steel drum, without the use of 55-gallon oil drums. See additional information and pictures at

<http://web.archive.org/web/20061209122228/http://www.electricsteeldrums.com/>. [Sound saples and video clips](#) are presented at the page <http://web.archive.org/web/20061209122228/http://www.electricsteeldrums.com/additional.html>

[3 December 2006]

[Pan Jumbie's Advent Calendar](#)

[Pan Jumbie](#) has put up a pan advent calendar for your enjoyment this year too. Check it out at <http://web.archive.org/web/20061209122228/http://www.pan-jumbie.com/acalendar/acalendar.htm>

[2 December 2006]

["All About Pans"](#)

The California-based company [Steel Drum Shop](#) has put together an FAQ page named "All about pans", including a [brief history](#) and some nice photos from the [building and tuning](#) process.

[29 October 2006]

[e-pan™](#) - electronic synthesized steelpan

[Toronto All Stars Steel Orchestra](#) (TASSO) reports on a new electronic synthesized steelpan: The [e-pan™](#), developed and designed by Salmon Cupid, of Trinidad and Tobago, which also has a [US Patent](#) on the e-pan™.

[15 October 2006]

[Illustrated history of pan](#)

[Steel Island](#) has published an illustrated overview of the development of the steel pan at their web site: <http://web.archive.org/web/20061209122228/http://www.steelisland.com/history.asp>

[8 October 2006]

Announcement: Experienced Steelpan Teacher Needed at MAST Academy, Miami Florida

Please contact Barbara Jordan at (305) 365-6278 for immediate consideration and further information.

Maritime and Science Technology Academy, commonly referred to as MAST Academy is a public high school in picturesque Virginia Key in Miami, Florida. MAST Academy is a magnet school under the governance of Miami-Dade County Public Schools with an enrollment of approximately 550 students. Its principal is Dr. Consuelo V. Dominguez. It has a tradition of academic excellence, and has recently been ranked among Newsweek's Top 100 High Schools in the US.

[28 July 2006]

[Port of Pan - ABC of Steel Pan and Trinidad Culture](#)

Monika Nicoletti-Tung of [Pan Jumbie](#) has written a net-based dictionary on Trinidad, Culture, History, Steel Pan, Carnival, Country, People, Personalities and more...

Monika has prepared the german original and Khalick J. Hewitt has translated it into english. Address: http://web.archive.org/web/20061209122228/http://www.pan-jumbie.com/ABC/abc_intro.htm

[28 July 2006]

Australian Schools launch Education Week

Over 70 children from 3 different school steel bands came together last Monday to launch the start of Education Week in New South Wales, Australia. It's the first time a band of this size has played together and it was an exciting and memorable event for the children and their tutors Denis Gonzalez and Heather Gatus. Photo by CHOOSYPIX.



[3 June 2006]

[The International Steelband Hall of Fame](#)

This instrument, a 20th century musical wonder, which was created in Trinidad and Tobago in the 1940s and is claimed to be its national instrument does not have a hall of fame in the land of its birth. Therefore, Khalick J. Hewitt have decided to establish The International Steelband Hall of Fame on an internet site to recognize the many steelbands, tuners, panists, leaders, pioneers, arrangers, composers and contributors who have given their talents, skills, creativity, money and energies to the growth and development of the steelband movement.

Brought to you by the courtesy of Pan Jumbie at: <http://web.archive.org/web/20061209122228/http://www.pan-jumbie.com/tishof/index.htm>

[20 May 2006]

[Open Letter by Andy Narell](#)

Andy Narell posts an open letter to Craig Copetas in response to his article in the Bloomberg News, disputing an erroneous quote about the quality of steel drums: "According to American jazz musician Andy Narrell(sic), Shell oil-barrel pans made between 1946 and 1967 are as renowned and desirable as the Cremonese violins of Antonio Stradivari, Nicolo Amati and Giuseppe Guarneri. Even the barrels made today are in high demand among pan players."

Andy says: "In fact what transpired was, you asked me if there was any particular oil company's drums that made the best steelpans, and I explained very clearly that to my knowledge there was no connection between any oil company's drums and the quality of a steelpan, that the critical factor is the skill of the tuner, that tuners search out certain qualities in the barrels and that they come from a variety of sources, and that to my knowledge none of the oil companies have ever taken an interest in developing a barrel that would be better suited to making steelpans."

Read the full letter at [Pan Jumbie](#).

[19 May 2006]

[First steelband in Taiwan](#)

An article in [Taipei Times](#) on an upcoming performance by Ju Percussion Group, the first steelband in Taiwan.

[8 March 2006]

[The Music Rings out on Trinidad and Tobago's Night of Glory in London](#)

An article by Haroun Shah brought to you by [pan-jumbie](#).

[5 March 2006]

T & T Panorama Final 2006 Results

Detailed tables over the results of Panorama Finals 2006 are below, brought to you by the courtesy of Jeremy de Barry, alias Tobagojo. Also check his site at: <http://web.archive.org/web/20061209122228/http://www.seetobago.com/trinidad/pan/2006/event01.htm> for more details.

Panorama Final 2006 - Large Bands Results

No Steelband	Points	Tune	Composer	Arranger(s)	Leaders 2006	Tuners2006
1 Phase II Pan Groove	470,5	This One's For You, Bradley	Len 'Boogsie' Sharpe + Anthony 'Alexo' Alexis + Ronnie McIntosh	Len 'Boogsie' Sharpe	Michael Phillips	Bertram 'Butch' Kelman + Roland Harrigan
2 Neal & Massy Trinidad All Stars	469,0	Soca Warrior	Winston Scarborough	Leon 'Smooth' Edwards	Beresford Hunte	Herman 'Guppy' Brown + Bertram 'Butch' Kelman
3 PCS Starlift	457,0	If We Really Want	Ray Holman	Ray Holman	Keith 'Smakie' Jones	Roland 'Sire' Inniss + Herman 'Guppy' Brown + Kelvin 'Zuzie' St Rose

	4	Sagicor Exodus	452,0	Max It Up	Kernel Roberts + Mark Loquan	Pelham Goddard	Ainsworth Mohammed	Herman 'Guppy' Brown + Andy Neils + Wallace Austin
	5	WITCo Desperadoes	449,0	[A Tribute to] Bradley	Winston Scarborough	Eddie Quarless	Bertram Glasgow	Lincoln Noel + Clifford Alfred + Bertie Marshall + Desmond 'Mappo' Richardson
	6	bpTT Renegades	447,0	Judgement Day	Winston Scarborough	Dr Jit Samaroo	Andrew Burmant	Bertram 'Butch' Kelman
	7	TCL Group Skiffle Bunch	438,0	Colours Again	Mark Loquan	Liam Teague	Junia Regrello	Bertram 'Butch' Kelman + Herman 'Guppy' Brown + Lloyd Gay
	8	NLCB Fonclaire	438,0	Good Times	Mark Loquan + C Morris	Darren Sheppard	Milton 'Wire' Austin	Bertram 'Butch' Kelman + Lloyd Gay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OVERVIEW OF CONTENTS NEWS 	9	BWIA Invaders	‡	This One's For You, Bradley	Len 'Boogsie' Sharpe + Anthony 'Alexo' Alexis + Ronnie McIntosh	Arddin Herbert	Michael Ding Chong	Bertram 'Butch' Kelman + Andy Neils
Check out the latest news from the steel pan community	10	Eastern Credit Union Pamberi	‡	Judgement Day	Winston Scarborough	Brian Villafana	Cheo Cato	Roland Harrigan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panorama results STEEL PAN 	11	Solo Pan Knights	‡	Max It Up	Kernel Roberts + Mark Loquan	Robert Greenridge	Owen Serrette + Lloyd Manswell	Herman 'Guppy' Brown + Lloyd Gay
Read about the Steel Pan Instrument	12	RBTT Redemption Soundsetters	‡	[A Tribute to] Bradley	Winston Scarborough	Winston Gordon	Marie Toby	Kelvin 'Zuzie' St Rose + Lloyd Gay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History Steel Pan Tuning Handbook STEELBANDS 	13	Petrotrin Hatters	‡	[A Tribute to] Bradley	Winston Scarborough	Earl 'Jakes' Brooks Sr	Arthur 'Ball Head' Sparks	Bertram 'Butch' Kelman + Lloyd Gay + Lennox Fortune
	14	Katzenjammers	‡	[A Tribute to] Bradley	Winston Scarborough	Auburn Wiltshire	Gemma Duke	Roland Harrigan + Leroy George
A list of steelbands around the world	15	Tropical Angel Harps	‡	[A Tribute to] Bradley	Winston Scarborough	Clarence Morris	Clarry Benn	Herman 'Guppy' Brown + A Morris
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TUNERS 	16	Birdsong	‡	Hard Wine	Tunapuna Scanty	Rudy 'Two Left' Smith	Dennis Phillip	Patrick Worrell
An emerging list of professional steel pan tuners	17	bmobile Our Boys	‡	Good Times	Mark Loquan + C Morris	Clifford Alexis	Leandro Noray	Patric Arnold + Clifford Alexis

Panorama Final 2006 - Small Bands Results

	No	Steelband	Tune	Composer	Arranger(s)	Leaders	Tuners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COMPANIES 	1	Merrytones	Colours Again	Mark Loquan	Seion Gomez	Kendall Lewis	Lawrence 'Egar' Mayers + Clifford 'Rope' Alfred
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ORGANIZATIONS 	2	Pan Elders	Tempo [Remix]	Alvin Daniel + (McArthur 'Calypso Rose' Lewis)	Richard Gittens	Ronald Williams	Junior 'Blueboy' Peters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LINKS & READING 	3	Petrotrin Siparia Deltones	Roll It	Allison Hinds	Carlton Alexander	Ricardo Marshall	E Peters + Bertram 'Butch' Kelman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAQ 	4	Crescendoes Musical	This One's For You, Bradley	Len 'Boogsie' Sharpe + Ronnie McIntosh	Curtis Edwards	Curtis Edwards	Gabrial 'Doyle' Robley
	5	Tamana Pioneers	Iron Man	Alwyn Roberts	Paul Campbell	Michael Antoine	Herman 'Guppy' Brown + Leslie Bernard
	6	Starland Steel Orchestra	Soca Warriors	‡	Jason Baptiste	Mohamud Saleem	Kenrick Parmel
	7	Southern Marines Steelband Foundation	Feel Like Dancing	‡	Malomo Nkosi Joseph	Michael 'Scoobie' Joseph	Bertram 'Butch' Kelman
	8	Fascinators Pan Symphony	Musical Treat	Denieson 'Dee Diamond' Moses + Clive Bradley	Lennox Jordon	Mervyn Taitt	Junior Peters + Lennox Jordan

Source : Pan Trinidad + Islands Research

[5 March 2006]

[THE SPARROW REVOLUTION - Part I: Fifty years old and still going strong](#)

Article by Caldwell Taylor, original article overwrought for [pan-jumbie](#) 21th February 2006.

[25 Feb 2006]

[Remembering 'Spree' Simon](#)

An article on one of the pioneers of pan, written by Terry Joseph on April 18, 2001 for [TriniSoca.com](#)

[25 Jan 2006]

[Lies and Distortions of Pan](#)

An article on the history of pan, written by Bukka Rennie on November 11, 1999 for [TriniSoca.com](#)

[25 Jan 2006]

[The Evolution Of The Steel Band](#)

A new [Sam's Newsletter](#) by Robert "Sam" Saldenha, brought to you by [Pan-Jumbie](#).

Sam's interesting article starts off with the following:

" ... facts that remain constant are:

- The Tamboo Bamboo was the fore runner of the steelband.
- The steelband was created by someone striking a can or pan.
- The Steelband was created in Trinidad somewhere in the 1930's.
- Dustbins, cans, pans, sweet oil tins beaten with sticks, motor-car brake drums and chassis were the first instruments of the steelbands.
- The sound of the early steelbands was rhythmical, whereas a distinct melody was evident in the steelbands of August 1945.

Check it out at: http://web.archive.org/web/20061209122228/http://www.pan-jumbie.com/sam/sn10106_1.htm

[14 Jan 2006]

[Steel - a Musical by Derek Walcott on the History of Pan](#)

Jamaica Observer reports that Nobel laureate Derek Walcott has written a musical that traces the history and development of the steel drum from a working-class fringe instrument to one that has come to represent the soul of the Caribbean.

[25 Sept 2005]

[The Pan Blog](#)

A steel pan blog (formerly Steel Drum Message Board) started at address:
<http://web.archive.org/web/20061209122228/http://www.steeldrum.net/panblog/>

[15 Aug 2005]

["Musical Metal: Science catches up with the shimmering sound of steel drums"](#)

An interesting article on Ellie Manette and his tuning from 1998, written by Corinna Wu in Science News, Vol. 154, No. 15, October 10, 1998, p. 236. Web:

http://web.archive.org/web/20061209122228/http://www.sciencenews.org/pages/sn_arc98/10_10_98/bob2.htm

[8 Aug 2005]

[Pan in Education](#) - CD recordings with music scores

"Pan in Education" is a double CD, one with audio recordings of 13 different bands performing arrangements of Mark Loquan's music, the other is an interactive data CD with the digital music scores of the arrangements (combined and by individual pan) which can be accessed via Finale (2002 & higher), MIDI, or PDF. Brief bios are also given on each arranger and steelband. Caribbean & Latin rhythms are also included.

The project is intended to be used by secondary schools and tertiary level locally and/or internationally, and the arrangements have been classified and categorized by level of difficulty according to defined criteria (done by the University of the West Indies, Centre for Creative & Festival Arts). Read more and order at:

<http://web.archive.org/web/20061209122228/http://www.ecaroh.com/pan/panineducation.htm>

[12 July 2005]

[Sam's Newsletter](#)

Robert "Sam" Saldenha is of Caribbean native, living in Boston. He's playing Bass with the [Volume II Steelband](#). Sporadically, he is writing a newsletter for the [Engine Room Section](#) which takes over a part of the [Boston Carnival](#). Sam has offered to share these newsletters with all the panjumbies, also with you.

Check out his very interesting, four-part May 2005 newsletter about pan history (Part I not finished as yet):

- [Part II - 1945-1949](#)
- [Part III - 1950-1959](#)
- [Part IV - 1960](#)

Brought to you by the courtesy of [Pan Jumbie](#).

[12 July 2005]

[iPan Cinema](#)

iPan Cinema is a new section at the Paniacs website. Opening act by one of the most best steelpan tuners in the world. It is a "Two Minute Fame with Birch Kelman and Lenny Rogers". They play, you listen and enjoy! Production and copyright by

Monix and TeMuzik. Address: <http://web.archive.org/web/20061209122228/http://www.paniacs.com/>

[11 July 2005]

Caribbean Water Music in Norway?



This is Eckhard C. Schulz, [ECS Steeldrums](#), pan tuner in Germany. He has manufactured this **Steel Pan XXL - THE TWIN PAN** - with a XXL body of tones.

It has a diameter of 1,15 meter, and consists of 25 kg metal! And there's a second one, it is a double set, and therefore he calls it the Twin-Pan.

Soon he will be heading for Trondheim/Norway with it. The Twin-Pan will be displayed on top of 4 meter pillars. It will be played by rhythmical water-jets of some special made nozzles.

The Twin-Pan, created in collaboration with Dr. Werner Homberg and the University of Dortmund was 4 weeks in the making. Alone to tune the lowest note Eckhard did spend 4 days, he fixed it 5 times because the metal teared.

No one can stop Ekki, he has more plans in his sleeves. Next dream is a jumbie pan with a diameter of 3 meters, supposed to go to Trinidad.

[4 April 2005]

[Pan Jumbie](#) - Daily Pan News from Switzerland

Switzerland's improved Daily Caribbean News collection at <http://web.archive.org/web/20061209122228/http://www.pan-jumbie.com/>

[2 Dec 2004]

[Nordic steelpan message board](#) opened

Nordisk anslagstavla om steelpan har öppnat på adressen <http://web.archive.org/web/20061209122228/http://www.steelpan.se/forum/>

[24 Oct 2004]

[Paniacs](#) - Independent Steelpan Meeting Point

This is where you're going to find everything that makes a pan enthusiast's heart beat: good music, instruments, information about steelbands and a lot more. Register now and participate in an active steelpan scene. If you are an event manager, this is where you find the best bands for your next event. The platform primarily covers the needs of the Swiss pan enthusiasts, however as we rely on foreign sources for pans and other services, we will really appreciate the participation of all interested, far and near. Web: <http://web.archive.org/web/20061209122228/http://www.paniacs.com/>

[27 Sept 2004]

[Reinventing Steel Pan on Record](#) - A Short History of Steel Band Recordings

Reinventing Steel Pan on Record: Local and Global Dialectics. And article by Amelia Ingram, published in CBMR Digest, Vol. 14, No 1, Spring 2001. Web: <http://web.archive.org/web/20061209122228/http://www.cbmr.org/pubs/141/kalinda141.htm>

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