

Savannah pan party today



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EXPECTATIONS are high for today's Pan Sunday when the National Panorama semifinals take place before the biggest audience on the biggest stage since the previous administration closed the Queen's Park Savannah to Carnival back in 2008.

The first band touching the brand spanking new Big Stage is the San City Steel Orchestra, which performs at position one in the Small Band category kicking off at 9 a.m. There are 14 bands each in the Small and Medium conventional band categories, while all 16 Large Conventional Bands will face the judges each hoping to among the ten making it to the finals on Carnival Saturday, March 5.

Among the Large Bands that will be battling their way towards the final is defending champion Silver Stars Steel Orchestra, which faces the judges in position 12 playing "It's Showtime," arranged by Edwin Pouchet who composed the song alongside Alvin Daniell. In Panorama being the defending band does not mean an automatic place in the final and the previous year's winner has to begin from scratch like all other competitors.

"It's Showtime" will be played seven times today—the Tamana Pioneers and Tornadoes are playing it in the Small Band category, while Power Stars and Carib Dixieland are playing it in the Medium Category. At the preliminary round last week the Trinidad All Stars delivered a performance of "It's Showtime" that people said was like a final night showdown. One is left wondering just what arranger, Leon

How they will appear

BAND

SELECTION

ARRANGER

SMALL BANDS:

1. San City Steel Orchestra
2. Fascinators Pan Symphony
3. Southern Marine
4. Panasonic Connection
5. Tamana Pioneers
6. Golden Hands
7. Merrytones
8. Codrington Pan Family
9. St. Margaret's Superstars
10. Tornadoes
11. Arima Golden Symphony
12. TIPICA
13. Longdeville Claytones
14. Old Tech Steel Orchestra

- "Do Something For Pan"
- "My Band"
- "No No No Not Me"
- "In She Rainorama"
- "It's Showtime"
- "Endless Vibrations"
- "Ruction"
- "Jam in de Rama"
- "Calling Meh"
- "It's Showtime"
- "In She Rainorama"
- "Pan Palam"
- "Calling Meh"
- "Calling Meh"

- A.Arrindell/ D. St. Clair
- Nigel Diaz/Daryl Reid
- Akino Sennor/Malomo
- Darren Sheppard
- Paul Campbell
- Vanessa A. Headley
- Seion Gomez
- Cary Codrington
- Shennelle Abraham
- Shervon Edwards
- Terrence BJ Marcelle
- H&K Headley
- Alvin Gittens
- Sean Ramsey

MEDIUM BANDS:

1. Arima Angel Harps
2. Sangre Grande Cordettes
3. Pamberl
4. Katzenjammers
5. Curepe Scherzando
6. Steel Xplosion
7. Courts Sound Specialists
8. Power Stars
9. NLCB Buccooners
10. Belmont Fifth Dimension
11. Carib Dixieland
12. Valley Harps
13. Melodians
14. Pan Elders

- "TKO"
- "Calling Meh"
- "TKO"
- "Wake Up"
- "How We Coming"
- "Wake Up"
- "Calling Meh"
- "It's Showtime"
- "Calling Meh"
- "A Raging Storm"
- "It's Showtime"
- "Do Something For Pan"
- "Snowdown"
- "A Raging Storm"

- Shelton Besson
- Andes Kappel
- Brian Villafana
- Edwin Pouchet
- Yohan Popwell
- Carlton Alexander
- Ken Philmore
- Arddin Herbert
- Seion Gomez
- Noel "Mico" Skair
- Len Boogsie Sharpe
- Michelle Huggins-Watts
- Amrkt Samaroo
- Alvin Gittens

LARGE BANDS:

1. Bp Renegades
2. T&TEC Tropical Angel Harps
3. Neal & Massy Tdad All Stars
4. Redemption Soundsetters
5. Solo Harmonies
6. Petrotrin Phase 11 Pan Groove
7. Our Boys
8. Caribbean Airlines Invaders
9. Desperadoes
10. Petrotrin Siparia Deltones
11. NLCB Foclaire
12. PCS Silver Stars
13. TCL Group Skiffle Bunch
14. Sagico Exodus
15. Starfit
16. Birdsong

- "How We Coming"
- "How We Coming"
- "It's Showtime"
- "It's Showtime"
- "Momentum"
- "Do Something For Pan"
- "TKO"
- "Doh Do Dat"
- "Trini"
- "Trini"
- "Raging Star"
- "It's Showtime"
- "The Hill"
- "Calling Meh"
- "In She Rainorama"
- "Do Something For Pan"

- Kenneth Guppy
- Clarence Morris
- Leon "Smooth" Edwards
- Winston Gordon
- Yohan Popwell
- Len Boogsie Sharpe
- Amrkt Samaroo
- Arddin Herbert
- Beverly Griffith, Eddie Quarless & A Robley
- Carlton Alexander
- Ken Philmore
- Edwin Pouchet
- Keith Salcedo
- Pelham Goddard
- Liam Teague
- Raphael Robertson

"Smooth" Edwards has to add to the song today.

Len "Boogsie" Sharpe and his Phase II Pan Groove have signalled they will not be defeated this year. The band is playing, "Do Something For Pan," the subject matter of which is quite controversial and has left the Pan Trinidad executive somewhat flustered.

The Desperadoes Steel Orchestra had to leave the Hill of Laventille to prepare for the Panorama because of crime. Away from their home and out of their comfort zone, the band is seeking to claim their 11th title, which may provide the inspiration for change in their community. Despers will play the Benjai song titled, "Trini"

arranged for them by the team of Beverly Griffith, Eddie Quarless and Andre Robley.

Renegades is the first Large Band taking the stage today and they will play a Kenneth Guppy arrangement of "Here We Come." The band has a lot of youth in it and they have been creating great excitement with their very energetic performance of the song. The talk in the East is that the Exodus Steel Orchestra will hit them hard today with "Calling Meh," arranged by Pelham Goddard. The band bringing the curtain down is Birdsong from Tunapuna, which is playing "Do Something For Pan," arranged by Raphael Robertson.