



The Dale White's Family & Friends Steel Ensemble was formed in 1997 by Dale Mary White, a housewife and mother who had been playing the guitar in the Catholic Church since she was a teenager. She has five children, all of whom showed an interest in music and particularly in our national instrument, the Steelpan. At present, this band consists of Dale, her five children, a nephew and a friend.

This Steel Ensemble has become quite skilled in rendering the various moods of pan and includes in its' repertoire many chutney and religious pieces which it has performed successfully at various competitions at home and abroad.

Having teamed with the Silhouettes Steel Orchestra in Fort York, Toronto in 2003 to win the Caribana Pan Alive Competition, and performing live on CTV, CITYTV and Radio 89.5 CIUT the ensemble attained recognition outside Trinidad and Tobago. The success of these appearances led to the hosting of a musical workshop and concert in the town of Guelph in August 2003.

The band once again traveled to Canada in 2004 and received standing ovations as they opened a grand concert put on by the successful and ever popular Tobago group "The Signal Hill Alumni Choir" who were then on tour.

In August 2005 the Ensemble was the only musical group selected to represent not only Trinidad and Tobago, but the entire Caribbean region at the XX World Youth Day celebrations held in Cologne, Germany.

Though not traditionally a competition band, the Ensemble participated in the "We Beat 5 Ah Side" pan competition in St. James Trinidad in May 2006 and placed second.

All members of the band are versatile enough to play the full range of pans within the group, and Marlon who is now 21 years old, has been arranging for the ensemble for the past 3 years.

Alanna who is 15 years old, became the "Under Thirteen Pan in Schools Soloist" champion of Trinidad & Tobago in 2003, and placed second in the "Under Sixteen Soloist" competition of 2005. She is now the drummer for the band.

The Ensemble continues to perform for varied audiences year round and is always well received and complimented for its' talent, professionalism and close family bond.