



DANISH PANORAMA

A wet Copenhagen Carnival hosted the 3rd Danish Panorama on May 26. The rain poured consistently outside the tent, but couldn't sweep away the great atmosphere inside. The tent was packed with enthusiastic steelpan fans and players and it remained so for the 4 hour show. Six bands had enlisted for the competition, where they had been given 20 minutes to play a set of choice. Most of the bands had mainly chosen up-tempo, powerful arrangements to keep the crowd going.



➤ The bands varied in size from 12-20 players, and their overall quality was relatively high which gave the judges a hard time deciding on the placements. Points were given in the categories: Execution of the music, the quality of the arrangements, and ability to communicate with the audience. This last category really made the difference in leveling out the average points given to each band, as those bands playing difficult music and scoring high points on the music didn't have as much focus on the stage appearance as those bands performing simpler arrangements.

All bands except one, Copenhagen Steelband, came from music schools around the Copenhagen area. Unfortunately the Panorama doesn't have any funding, so there was no support to give to bands coming from far away to ease their transportation expenses.

Hopefully this will be change in the near future, so it can be a true Danish Panorama and not just a Copenhagen Panorama in the future.

This was the 3rd panorama in three years, so this event is still in its beginning, but considering the growing interest from bands, the great support from the audience, and the willing hosts, Copenhagen Carnival this has potential to develop into a large event featuring and showcasing the steelbands in Denmark.

Results:

- Hot Pans Steelband from Hillerød
- Copenhagen Steelband
- Gladsaxe Steelband & Steelhammers from Allerød

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