



*A legacy of steel*  
**THE CODRINGTON PAN FAMILY**



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Champion pannists Cary and Karen Codrington passed on the gift of musical legacy to their offspring Kareem, Khari, Kaijah, Keisha, Kamau and Kizzie. Together they became The Pan Family Steel Orchestra of Trinidad & Tobago in 1999. Cary holds a Grade II certificate from UWI Creative Arts Centre and a Grade V certificate from the Royal School of Music and is the orchestra's musical director and arranger. His musical exploits are featured in the audio recordings of the Pan in Education Program, in Trinidad & Tobago.

➤ The Codrington Pan Family is popular and has brought tremendous exposure to the astounding beauty of steel music. On their journey to become noted cultural ambassadors they built up a repertoire that exceeds 130 songs from all genres. Since inception they have maintained a full schedule of appearances. Every year they put on performances during the carnival celebrations and they have been called upon to provide entertainment on numerous occasions. In 2004, they were one of the opening acts for the Jazz Artistes on the Green; they were part of the T&T cultural contingent at a music festival in Hollywood California USA in 2006 and performed for Trinidad and Tobago's elected officials including Prime Minister Patrick Manning and for international figures such as Prince

Andrew and the Duke of York.

This phenomenal family of musicians began capturing titles as early as 2002. Some achievements include 1st place titles in the Soloist and Quartet categories; 2nd Place in the Duet category at the 2004 World Steelband Music Festival; 1st Place in the Under 13 Soloist and Under 16 Duet and 3rd Place in Under 21 Quartet and Under 21 Ensemble categories at the 2005 School Steelband Music Festival; two Jouvert Bomb competitions in the Single Pan Bands 2006 and 2007 in addition to 2nd place finishes in Last Lap and Pan Down Memory Lane competitions in 2007.

Their individual talents are obvious during performances and they captivate their audience with joyful smiles and musical versatility on all instruments. Keisha, whom the family calls "a gifted

soloist", has performed extensively throughout her nation and is well recognized for her musical forte. Pan Soloist Champion at Sanfest 2001, Schools Steelband Music Festival 2001; Citigroup Twelve and Under Champion 2003 and World Steelband Music Festival Champion 2004. The family's filial bonds are as strong as the steel on which they love and perform and remain committed to their journey of sharing the joy of steel with the world of music.

Pan Podium extends thanks to Herman Andalcio and Lynne Duberry Carter for arranging the Pan Family Concert of 2007 and to Councillor McDonald Morris for being a most generous host. Visit with the family at [www.panfamilytt.com](http://www.panfamilytt.com)

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