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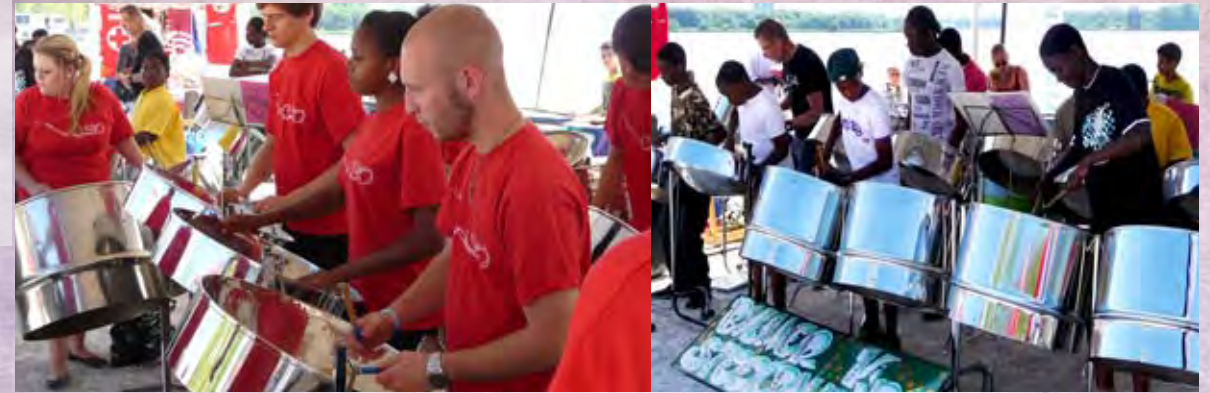
## CSI wins Holland's First Junior Panorama Knockout Competition

*Celebrating our Caribbean Heritage!*

THE CARIBBEAN STEEL INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR STEELBAND WON HOLLAND'S FIRST EVER JUNIOR PANORAMA KNOCKOUT COMPETITION HELD AT THE SIXTH AFRIQUE-CARIB FESTIVAL IN ALMERE, HOLLAND ON SATURDAY 26TH JUNE 2010; THE DAY BEFORE THE FESTIVAL. THE EVENT WAS ORGANIZED BY YLANGA BLINKER HEAD OF AFRIQUE-CARIB BREATHTAKING FOUNDATION. THREE STEELBANDS COMPETED FOR THE NEW TITLE, HOLLAND JUNIOR PANORAMA KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONS; THE BANDS WERE THE CARIBBEAN STEEL INTERNATIONAL STEELBAND TRUST 'CSI', CROYDON STEEL ORCHESTRA 'CSO', AND THE DUTCH BAND CALLED BIJLMER KIDS STEELBAND 'BSK'.



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The Caribbean Steel International Junior Steelband is the reigning UK Junior Panorama Champions for the 2008 and 2009. The band was formed in 2008 and has successfully performed at numerous events and venues.

Croydon Steel Orchestra was formed in the summer of 2000 after the Croydon Schools Steel Orchestra folded. CSO consists of pan musicians from two regional area steel bands in the borough of Croydon namely Addington and Woodside. CSO won the UK 2007 Junior Panorama competition.

Bijlmer Kids Steelband has performed at many events and reached the finals of the Amsterdam music school competition twice; even though they did not belong to that organisation. They have performed at various festivals all over the Netherlands, appeared on TV and played at galas in the presence of members of the Royal family.

After months of planning and laborious work by their pannists, the bands were ready for their Festival performance in Almere, Netherlands. On the day it was an early start to the activities with all players combining their efforts to get their instruments set up and also participated in 'warming up' sessions before they initiated the start of the Panorama. The sweet strains of steelband music attracted the public like bees to honey and the performance area was soon filled with a large, appreciative and fully entertained audience.

As this was the first time this Panorama was being held it was relatively small but it was such a success that next year's competition in Almere is sure to be bigger and better with much more steel bands competing. CSI played a Brent Holder's musically arranged rendition of Alison Hinds', 'Roll it Gyal' to capture the new title of Holland Junior Panorama Knockout Champions.

THE WINNING ORDER WAS

- 1st Place - Caribbean Steel International Steelband Trust
- 2nd Place - Croydon Steel Orchestra
- 3rd Place - Bijlmer Kids Steelband

For more information on the event  
visit the festival's website  
[www.afrique-carib.nl](http://www.afrique-carib.nl)

Afrique-Carib would like to thank everyone  
who contributed to the success of their  
sixth annual festival especially the  
musicians, artists,  
DJs and dancers.



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