

## **Background**

· The National Youth Steel Orchestra is a musical organization comprising of young steelpan instrumentalists from Trinidad and Tobago. The orchestra comprise of 120 young persons' between the ages of 8 to 23 years drawn from four regions Northern, Central/ Southern, Eastern, and Tobago as defined by the constitution of Pan Trinbago Inc, the parent organisation of the NYSO.

Tobago

- Fifty years after the formation of the first National Steelband Orchestra of Trinidad and Tobago, the NYSO was initiated by Pan Trinbago Inc as a component of the President's vision to attract, encourage and develop the musical talents of the young people in our society through the medium of music and by extension of the steelpan.
- The NYSO announced its arrival with a momentous debutant performance at the Queen's Hall in St. Ann's, Port of Spain significantly, its repertoire comprised of original classical orchestral pieces composed by local arrangers and creators.

## **Mission**

To provide the opportunity for the musical development and discipline of young musicians by fostering an appreciation for classical music in particular, nurture a love and respect for music and the arts, encourage artistic excellence while improving the quality of our individual lives and that of our community.

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