## **Trinidad and Tobago International Conference on The Steelpan**

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

## **Pan Globalization: Progress and Possibilities**

PanTrinbago will be hosting an International Conference on the Steelpan from May  $6^{th}$  –  $8^{th}$  2012. As part of the celebrations of our  $50^{th}$  year as an independent nation, this conference will create a single forum for exposition and engagement with diverse lines of action and inquiry around our national instrument.

The theme of the conference, **Pan Globalization: Progress and Possibilities**, provides a unique opportunity for musicians, academics, entrepreneurs, trade and tourism representatives and pan aficionados from across the globe to share experiences, perspectives and ideas on the steelpan. In addition to showcasing best practices in a variety of spheres of pan performance, management and development, the conference programme is designed to generate rich and synergistic discourses that will inform and shape the globalization of the steelpan in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Interested persons are invited to submit abstracts for consideration by the Conference Planning Committee on the following sub-themes:

- The Evolution of the Steelpan
- The Technology of the Steelpan
- The Steelband as a Community Phenomenon
- Steelpan: World Movement
- Pan in Education
- Pan as a Social Intervention
- Steelpan Music and Its Development
- Steelpan Repertoires
- Making a Living with Pan
- The Pan Industry: Myth or Reality?

We invite you to share your knowledge, experience, thoughts and plans on these themes at this important inaugural conference through the preparation of papers which will be considered for plenary or session presentations. The time allocated for each session presentation will be fifty (50) minutes. Plenary presentations will run for one hour. The abstract of your paper should not exceed five hundred (500) words. Please include a brief bio-profile of the presenter(s), and submit your abstract to <a href="mailto:steelfestpanconference2012@gmail.com">steelfestpanconference2012@gmail.com</a> no later than February 29th, 2012. The Conference Planning Committee will respond to all submissions by March 16th, 2012.