



RENAISSANCE

birdsong ACADEMY 2023 MUSIC CAMP CLOSING CONCERT

THURSDAY 10 AUG 2023 6:30 PM

QUEEN'S HALL, ST ANN'S PORT OF SPAN

OUR VISION

Today we cast our minds and hearts to that place where the old meets the new to create something better. Where new discoveries are made not by disregarding what went before us, but rather through a cultural synergy with where we stand at present, as well as our expectations for what's to come. In our 19th year of championing the cause of music literacy and steelpan in Trinidad and Tobago, We bring you our version of renaissance.

Music and art are timeless, evolving with culture to mirror the journey of its people. birdsong embodies this evolution. Despite challenges, including the pandemic, our resolve remains unshaken in our mission to uplift culture. Our legacy, built since 2004, resonates in today's performances. More than 90% the music showcased this evening is crafted by this academy's alumni, the new guardians of our tradition. They stand on the shoulders of visionaries who transformed the birdsong dream into reality, marking the true essence of our renaissance.

Our young tutors and arrangers, much like our campers, are at the dawn of their journeys. Yet, with shared knowledge, they're poised to soar. Embodying our motto, "Pan for the People", we welcome students from diverse backgrounds, beliefs, and talents. After five weeks of dedicated mentorship, today marks the pinnacle of their collective efforts and passion.

For half a century, birdsong has been a beacon of musical excellence in Trinidad and Tobago. We've tirelessly worked to elevate our national instrument, ensuring it receives the recognition it rightfully deserves. Throughout these 50 years, our ethos has been clear: "Raise it higher". We continually challenge ourselves and our community to reimagine the potential of steel pan and band. Our legacy spans 50 years as a steel band and 19 years as a musical academy. Through evolution, adaptation, and rejuvenation, we stand proud today, marking our renaissance

PLAYLIST

National Anthem.....	All
Sugar Bum Bum (Lord Kitchen).....	Junior Steel
Shallow.....	Voice Duo
The Blessing.....	Junior Wind & Brass
Best Part.....	Junior Guitars
Sand Monster.....	Senior Guitars
Kumina.....	Percussion
Prelude No. 1.....	Junior Piano
Gymopédie No. 1	Senior Piano
Jerusalema.....	Junior Steel 2
From Now On.....	Orchestra
Speechless.....	Voice Class
Ode to the Big Sea.....	Junior Wind & Brass
Feel the love.....	Choir

INTERMISSION

Just the way you are	Senior Steel
Panama.....	Senior Steel
Overjoyed.....	Senior Orchestra & Voice
Memory of your smile.....	birdsong Evolution
Fancy sailor.....	birdsong Evolution
Ilere.....	birdsong Evolution
Lush Life.....	birdsong Evolution
I Music.....	birdsong Evolution
Loving up T&T.....	birdsong Evolution
My Funny Valentine.....	birdsong Evolution
birdsong Anthem.....	All

TUTORS & ADMIN

Ife Charles.....	Camp Administrator
Derrienne Dyett.....	Camp Musical Director
Nyol Manswell.....	Camp Director
Nicholas Jones.....	Clarinet
Isoke Noel.....	Steelpan
Renaldo DePeiza.....	Steelpan
Jasmine Adam.....	Vocal
Von Best.....	Kit Drums
Brian Forde.....	Percussion
Rellon Brown.....	Trombone
Aidan Villafana.....	Piano
Jehiah Hope.....	Flute
Dion Mansingh.....	Guitar
Irwyn Roach.....	Saxophone
Veronique Francois.....	Theatre Arts
Cindy Alleyne.....	Theatre Arts
Christopher James.....	Trumpet
Kats Imai.....	Fundamentals of Sound
Carlene Seals.....	Coordinator
Allyson Charles.....	Coordinator
Kent Le Platte.....	Facilities Maintenance
Leonard Lera.....	Tuning

PRODUCTION

Celia Wells.....Lighting Design

Maria King.....Stage Management

Franklin Agarrat.....Sound Engineering

Jaron Sondos & Team.....Make Up

Christopher Clarke.....Videography & Graphics

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