

PRESS RELEASE

SCOTIABANK SUPPORTS UNSPONSORED STEELBANDS

Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago Limited recently held its unsponsored steelbands presentation at the St. James Tripolians Panyard on Fort George Road, St James. In attendance at the event were Mr. Finbar Ryan, Director of Culture at the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs, Mr. Keith Diaz, Chairman of the Northern Region – Pan Trinbago and Mr. Vernon Morancie, Chairman of the Eastern Region – Pan Trinbago.

A total of thirty-five (35) steelbands, 18 conventional and 17 traditional, hailing from all regions of Trinidad and Tobago were presented with cheque donations by Scotiabank's Mr. Gilbert Sankar, Assistant General Manager, Sales & Marketing and Mr. Nigel Pantin, Manager of Scotiabank's St. James branch.

In addressing the steelband fraternity, Mr. Gilbert Sankar stated "At Scotiabank, from as far back as 1978, we recognized that the steelband was much more than an instrument. It is uniquely national and transcends ethnic, cultural, racial, political, economic and social differences. It has crossed countries and regions to emerge as an international phenomenon, much like Scotiabank has done."

Among the steelband groups benefiting from the Scotiabank Unsponsored Steelbands presentation were Antillean All Stars, Brazil RX4 Steel Orchestra, Casablanca, Curepe Scherzando, Dem Boys, Gonzales Sheikers, Harvard Harps, North Stars, Panatics, Rhythm Rockers, St. James Tripolians and Tropical Angel Harps.

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