



Name of Steelband: Sundowners

Formerly known as: Hell Fire.

Location: San-Fernando, Trinidad and Tobago.

Founded In: 1958

Current Status: Inactive

Notable Achievements: 2nd place position at the Inaugural Panorama Competition.

Biography

Formed by a group of neighbourhood friends who had acquired passion for the cultural expression and couldn't join other existing bands. One member even 'visited' a neighbouring band for experience to help the band out. They received sponsorship from Texaco in the 1960's and went on to place second in the first, official Panorama competition and 3rd in that same year's Music Festival (1963). In 1965, there was a coup d'état which resulted in the stealing of pans and players, to 'reform' the band. The reformed Sundowners, located in Vistabella, lost their sponsorship with Texaco due to their coup, but landed a deal with Schlumberger for some time. There was also a Sundowners in the single-pan arena in the 1990's which didn't last long or made much of an impact in the steelband community. The original Texaco Sundowners died and faded away after the 'reformation'.

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