



Name of Steelband: Potential Symphony Steel Orchestra
Formerly known as: Eastside Symphony.

Location: San Juan, Trinidad and Tobago.

Founded In: 1965

Current Status: Active

Notable Achievements: Shifted from the Small Band Category to the Medium Band category.

Biography

This orchestra was first formed in 1965 introducing themselves as Eastside Symphony, but later changed their name to Potential Symphony in 1976. The band is currently managed by an executive which is led by Mr. Carlan Harewood. In 1977, the orchestra entered the Panorama competition and were successful where they placed 2nd, missing the victory by half of a point. This, however, was just the beginning of Potential's journey as they continued to qualify for numerous Panorama final night performances as the years passed. Potential started in the Small category but in 2002, they switched to the Medium. They achieved 2nd place the year just before the Medium category was implemented and in 2004, placed 2nd in the finals. Over the years, the band has had the pleasure of working with musical icons such as -Lennox 'Boogsie' Sharpe- and -Ken 'Professor' Philmore-, as well as performed at several Pan in the 21st Century competitions. This orchestra continues to move forward as they obtained 2nd place in the 2020 Medium Band Panorama Final which was held in Tobago for the first time with a stunning arrangement from Mr. Amrit Samaroo.

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