

Media Contact:

Yvette N. Harris-Public Relations Director

Email: Yvette@harrispublicrelations.com

Ph:786.897.8854

Miami Carnival to Host Annual Panorama Steelband Competition on Friday, October 11, 2024, at Central Broward Park & Broward County Stadium

Special Performances by Trinidad All Stars Steel Orchestra & Newtown Playboys Steel Symphony

An Unforgettable Cultural Experience Showcasing the Rhythms and Sweet Sounds of Pan Music During Miami Carnival Weekend

Lauderhill, FL – September 17, 2024 – Miami Carnival is set to present its highly anticipated annual Miami Broward Panorama in Lauderhill, hosted by Visit Lauderdale and powered by Carib on Friday, October 11, 2024, at Central Broward Park & Broward County Stadium (3700 NW 11th PL, Lauderhill, FL 33311), from 4 PM to 11 PM. As a cornerstone event of Miami Carnival Weekend, Panorama is a must-see musical spectacle that celebrates the rich cultural tapestry of South Florida. Tickets are available at miamicarnival.org.

Produced by the Miami Broward One Carnival Host Committee (MBOCH), this signature event has evolved into a multicultural and international Caribbean percussion music extravaganza. It encapsulates the authentic Caribbean spirit that defines South Florida's vibrant cultural scene and connects us to a global community.

This year's competition will feature the best steel bands, including New Generation Branches, Metro Steel Orchestra, Lauderhill Steel Ensemble, Melo Groove Steel

Orchestra, Resurrection Steel Orchestra, Genfusion Steel Orchestra (formerly St. Thomas Junior Allstars), Sticks "N" Tones Steel Orchestra, and Elite Pan Stars Academy. Excitement is mounting for the upcoming performances by Trinidad All Stars and Newtown Playboys Steel Symphony.

Attendees can expect not only captivating musical performances but also fierce competition. "This year, eight bands will compete for the prestigious Panorama trophy," said Dexter Bleasdel, Panorama Manager for Miami Carnival.

"As the presenting partner of the Miami Carnival Panorama, Carib Lager is honored to support the vibrant Steelpan tradition and the rich cultural heritage it represents. At Carib Brewery USA, we believe in the power of community and the importance of preserving and celebrating Caribbean art forms that bring people together. Through our partnership with this iconic event, we continue our commitment to uplifting the Steelpan community and fostering a sense of unity and pride among all who partake in this incredible festival-Asa Sealy, Marketing Director, Carib Brewery USA.

"Being a Trinbagonian by heritage, the steelpan is the soundtrack of my childhood. Celebrating the musicians in our community playing this very special instrument is an honor." - Neki Mohan-Vice President, Multicultural Business & Community Engagement.

Originating in Trinidad and Tobago, steel drums hold a special place in music history as the only new percussion instrument invented in the 20th century. Trinidad's first Panorama event occurred in 1963 and has since become a cherished tradition in the Caribbean, the United States, and Europe.

Miami Broward Carnival's Panorama kicks off a weekend filled with exciting events, including J'Ouvert on October 12 and the grand Parade of Bands and concert on Sunday, October 13. This celebrated competition attracts audiences of all ages, creating a multigenerational experience. At Panorama, people from all walks of life celebrate the steel drum, a tradition that resonates with everyone.

Experts from South Florida, Trinidad and Tobago, and other Caribbean islands deeply rooted in the steelpan tradition will judge the competition. Bands' arrangement, performance, tone, and rhythm will be evaluated. Lauderhill Steel Ensemble, the reigning champions for the past three years, will return to defend their title. The

judging process is rigorous and fair, ensuring that the best steel band is crowned the winner.

The City of Lauderhill proudly welcomes all attending the Miami Broward Carnival 2024 events, including Junior Carnival, Panorama, and J'ouvert! We encourage residents and visitors to participate in all these fantastic events in our City's Entertainment District. We look forward to seeing each of you and hope you plan your vacation next year, right here in the City of Distinction - Lauderhill!" - Desorae Giles-Smith, City of Lauderhill-City Manager.

After months of preparation, this exhilarating competition showcases Miami Carnival's commitment to preserving and promoting the steel band tradition. "Panorama is one of the standout events of Miami Carnival," said Bleasdell. "It's an experience that everyone can enjoy, and Panorama provides the perfect setting to celebrate the vibrant Caribbean culture that brings us all together."

Official Panorama Sponsors: City of Lauderhill, Visit Lauderdale, St. Lucia Carnival, Lucian Carnival, Synergy TV, Caribbean Passport, Ritas, USVI Division of Festivals, Duke and Dame and King Leo.

Official Media Partners: South Florida Caribbean News, iHeart Media, Inc., Caribbean Smoothies Radio Show with Mike Andrews, Global Media 99.5 Bahamas, Synergy TV, Fyah 105 FM, Trini Jungle Juice, Caribbean National Weekly, Caribbean American Passport.

For more information about Miami Carnival and to purchase your tickets, visit miamicarnival.org today. Don't miss out on this unforgettable cultural experience!