

Entertainment REVIEWS!



Sticks and Fingers Len Boogsie Sharpe & Pelham Goddard

Good selection of successful Soca, Calypso, Jazz and R&B steel pan adaptation. Programming from Pelham Goddard does not suffer from repetitiveness as other pan CDs seem to suffer from. Inclusion of the female vocal is very complimentary. A successful partnership that resulted in the production of an extremely marketable product.



Music in we Blood Croydon Steel Orchestra

Live pan recordings of popular steel pan renditions such as the Cricket Tune, Unchained Melody, High Mas, Trini to de Bone and the Sixties Melody. A product CSO must be proud of.



Street Steel Graeme College

Steel pan reaches South Africa! And is well represented by the high grade of musicianship that has been recorded on this CD, their first! A good selection of medium paced compositions, the order of which was obviously well planned. The reverb/echo is slightly distracting but Vivienne, Steve and Anthony have every right to be proud of the band they helped to form. I eagerly await their next recordings.



Phase One Steel Orchestra

Recorded live at Butts College Theatre in Coventry. The audience adds to the ambience of the live recording which is well done. Good selection of well known tunes like the fast paced 'In the Mood' by G Miller and the slow paced 'Bridge Over Troubled Water' by P Simon.



Caribeye – Stephan Wrywler, Martin Streule, Samuel Rohrer, Wilbert Gill

An alternative modern jazz approach opens this album which complements the steel pan and shows its versatility as an instrument, accompanied by guitar, keyboards, bass and drums. All nine tracks were recorded live in four hours but the quality of sound is not comprised. A welcomed break from traditional pan melodies and arrangements. It appears that most if not all are original songs. Very intimate, soulful and seductive. A must have CD for the pan connoisseur.



Pieces of Pan – Sonic Steel

In August 2006, Sonic Steel released the CD Pieces of Pan that features unique arrangements of calypso, bossa nova, and jazz played by this elite group of pannists from Denmark. Pieces of Pan is both an interesting and varied album with soft and mellow arrangements like Radames y Pele as well as hard-swinging mambo tracks like Manteca. Sonic Steel's versatility is demonstrated by their recording of Thelonius Monk's tune In Walked Bud, as well as their sense of dynamic expression that brings the Cuban tune Amantes to vibrant life. The ensemble has an amazing sense of feel and expression for the music, and these arrangements dynamically express their talent. This album brings something new and fresh to the steel pan scene.