



This year, the Trinidad and Tobago Music Festival celebrates 70 years of showcasing the musical talents of our young musicians. From February 19th to March 5th patrons can look forward to performances from students across the country. From its origins as a classical musical festival, the event has grown to include our local genres and musical instruments including steelpan, folk songs, calypso, classical Indian music. The festival has a rich history and has contributed to the resilience and success of aspiring musicians.

As the lead sponsor of this event for over two decades, we take pride in our association with the Trinidad and Tobago Music Festival. We are committed to helping our young people and communities to become better off. Our support of programs like the Music Festival is testimony to our commitment to young people and their pursuit of music excellence.

Look out for information on program schedule and special highlights on the ScotiabankTT Facebook Page.



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**CHERYL HERNANDEZ**

**ON ENABLING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH  
WITH DISABILITIES**



Daniel picked up a pair of pan sticks and began to play John Lennon's "Imagine" on the pan. To date, "Imagine" is still one of Daniel's signature songs. "He likes to do his own thing. His way of learning might be a little slow, but when he learns something, he won't forget it," Dane said. Daniel has been playing the steel pan for seven years. To date, 13-year-old Daniel, has performed internationally, regionally and locally – including with Massy All Stars, the Police Steel Orchestra and for local dignitaries. When people see Daniel play, they are moved by the fact that a child with a disability is performing at this level.

Dane hopes people understand that disabled children deserve the same chances as every other child in the country, and they can excel if given the chance. Daniel attends the Immortelle Children's Centre. There he learns the English, Mathematics, penmanship, and other academic subjects. The school also teaches social and personal skills such as taking care of clothes, grooming and life skills. Dane said he would like to see more mainstream schools take in children with disabilities. "Some children with Down syndrome are very bright," he said.

This year, Dane intends to further Daniel's music education by teaching him how to read and compose music so that his son will have a lucrative future in the music industry. "I think he will have a place. We are working to make sure that he has a place as a musician. Next year, he will start reading and writing music. He is already learning how to do his own stuff. He can definitely compose his own music. I want to push him into it," Dane said.

Though Dane intends to push Daniel to continue to excel in music, Daniel said he wants to be a Police Officer. Daniel has performed with the Police Steel Orchestra and gained an appreciation and admiration for police officers.

Dane's advice to parents with children with disabilities is to have patience, faith and above all things, don't hide your children. "Please don't hide your kids. The only way they could get help is if people know about the child with disability. Try your best and find out what they are great at. Whether it is in the arts or academic skills, find the patience to work with them," Dane said.

Daniel's ability to play the pan comes from his genuine love of the instrument and discipline to work at improving himself every day. Daniel inherited his love of pan from his father, and now has a bright musical career in front of him.

Access to opportunities and education is an essential way to empower people with disabilities to become self-sufficient and successful in society. Pannist, Dane Gulston knows this well. His son Daniel was born with Down syndrome. The Gulston household was always filled with the love of pan music and Daniel grew to be a teen with a drive to perform with perfection.

Daniel began to play the pan all by himself. Dane said he was teaching Daniel's older brother, Denilson Gulston how to play. Unbeknownst to him, then six-year-old Daniel was studiously paying attention to his brother's lessons. Without being properly instructed,



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We are indeed pleased to have a shared vision for Women's Wellness with one of our key partners, HADCO Limited. Year after year, HADCO joins us for the cause of raising awareness and prevention of breast cancer, a disease that affects 1 in every 10 women in T&T. Their unwavering support, for over 19 years, of the Scotiabank Women against breast cancer 5k helps us to contribute to breast cancer screening for women in rural communities.

Dr. Mark Pounder, Director, Scotiabank Foundation, was on hand to receive a cheque from HADCO for their contribution from the annual Yoplait Save The Lids breast cancer campaign. This year's donation will enable more women to benefit from free breast cancer screening, facilitated by the Trinidad and Tobago Cancer Society.

With partnerships like HADCO and The Trinidad and Tobago Cancer Society, the future of women's wellness is bright.



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Above: Zalayhar Hassanali - Patron of the Scotiabank Foundation and Peter Ghany - Director of the Scotiabank Foundation with the students and teachers of San Francique Presbyterian - top school in the 2017 academic component of the Scotiabank Kiddy Cricket Programme.  
Left: Winners of the Quiz Category - Ghandi Memorial Vedic School (Aneesa Mohan and Savir Nandoo) are congratulated by Cindy Mohammed - Manager, Public and Corporate Affairs, Scotiabank.

Scotiabank remains committed to helping our communities and young people become better off. The Scotiabank Kiddy Cricket Programme is one such initiative. It represents not only our commitment to the sport of cricket, but also the development of the youth of our country. We remain proud to be associated with a programme such as this in which children not only learn to play

cricket, they also develop interpersonal skills, self-confidence, and self-discipline qualities that benefit them for a lifetime.

Top performing school this year was San Francique Presbyterian, who also won in the Art, Craft and Song categories, as well as has the Top Teacher in the programme this year.



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Since 2000, Scotiabank has partnered with the University of the West Indies to help 1st and 2nd year students to achieve their educational goals. Each year, students enrolled in the Faculties of Social Sciences, Science and Agriculture and Natural Sciences submit their

application for the Scotiabank sponsored bursary. Selections are based on qualifying criteria, including financial need.

For many of these young people, our financial aid makes the difference in the realization of their dreams. In the words of one student *"This donation will allow me to continue to pursue what I love and be successful"*. This year, in recognition of GATE restrictions and current economic conditions, our support was increased to \$100,000. Each student received \$10,000 at a ceremony hosted by UWI on Thursday, November 23rd.

Scotiabank is committed to investing in our young people, their financial success and wellbeing.



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