



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH MUSIC



The Laborie Pan Project is an initiative of Labowi Promotions, a community-based organisation in the village of Laborie, in the south of Saint Lucia. It is not just a performing steel band, but offers much more, for instance: it provides quality music education to its members; it constantly enrolls new and young members; it hosts international music workshops; it actively participates in community events; it provides welfare support (health and education) to members in need; and it helps all its players become responsible and self-confident members of their community and society.

From its establishment in 2006, the Project has trained more than 150 children and young adults, and has given them many opportunities to perform. A notable public appearance was in February 2007, under the leadership of the founder. The band is currently a Junior Band with players as young as 10 years old. The project also involves the mentoring of renowned pan jazz composer and the development of a broad and diverse repertoire, which has been performed for a wide range of audiences in Saint Lucia, as well as festivals in Guadeloupe and Martinique.

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The band has also forged links with prominent steel bands like Birdsong and Silver Stars in Trinidad, as well as Mangrove in the UK. Mangrove is one of the most renowned steel orchestras in Europe, and is the defending UK Panorama Champions. Members of Caribbean Grains Laborie Steel Pan are performing with Mangrove at the Notting Hill Carnival this year.

With Andrius Edwide as its arranger, the band Participated in Saint Lucia's Panorama from 2012, making history in 2016 when it became the first band from a rural community in Saint Lucia to win the competition. Here are the band's complete Panorama records:

- **2012 2nd place Junior Panorama**
- **2013 3rd place Junior Panorama**
- **2014 3rd place Senior Panorama**
- **2015 4th place Senior Panorama**
- **2016 Champions Senior Panorama**
- **2017 2nd place Senior Panorama**
- **2018 2nd place Senior Panorama**
- **2019, 2nd place Senior Panorama**

