

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

The steel pan (commonly known in the United States as a "steel drum") was invented in the island nation of Trinidad and Tobago in the 1930s. The instrument's roots are in rhythm bands, where players would use pots, pans, paint cans, biscuit tins - anything you could use to play a rhythm. The instrument quickly evolved from these non-pitched instruments to cans with a handful of notes on the face, and eventually to instruments constructed of 55-gallon oil barrels, containing the entire chromatic scale, and allowing players to perform in any key. The use of oil barrels as raw material for the instruments is credited to Ellie Manette, one of many pan innovations by Mr. Manette. (Credit: <http://www.malletjazz.com/eastshorejazz/aboutpan.html>)



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

We are always looking for fresh talent to join our band. Here's some information to help you out:

- ♪ We hold practices Monday and Wednesday nights from 6-8pm at the 1000 Islands Mall
- ♪ You have to be between the ages of 10 and 18 to join
- ♪ We prefer that you have a basic understanding of musical concepts, but it is not necessary as long as you have a willingness to learn and an open mind!
- ♪ If you are interested in booking us for an event, or just want to check us out, please visit our website listed below, or email us!



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WHO WE ARE!

The Brockville Lions Steel Band is made up of a talented group of twenty-five 10 to 18 year olds from Brockville and the surrounding area. Our Mission is to provide an educational experience and opportunity for young people to expand their musical horizons, and to develop their creative and artistic abilities within themselves. **BUT** most importantly, we are all about having fun!



WHERE WE'VE BEEN!

The Brockville Lions Steel Band has performed at events all over Canada and the United States. We not only play in parades, but at concerts, weddings, barbeques, and many other public and private functions.

Over the years we have travelled to places such as Newfoundland, Chicago, Upper New York State, Niagara Falls, and most recently Virginia Beach.

WHAT WE PLAY!

The steel pans are such a diverse instrument; you can virtually play any kind of music you can imagine! Our band includes five different types of pans: the soprano, alto, tenor, cello and bass pans. You can play anywhere from one pan to six pans at one time!

Our repertoire includes anything, from today's popular hits to traditional island rhythms. We have even produced 3 professionally recorded CD's that we sell at all of our performances.