

Petrotrin Boodoosingh Tassa Group stars at World Championships

Local culture was once again featured prominently on the global stage when the Petrotrin Boodoosingh Tassa Group walked away with top prizes at the recently hosted World Championships of Performing Arts.

Representatives from 51 countries participated in the Championships, which were held in Hollywood, California from August 6-14, 2005.



Minister Eddie Hart (left) looks on as Community Relations Coordinator Rudolph Thomas congratulates the tassa group at Piarco International Airport

The Petrotrin Boodoosingh Tassa group participated in two Original Works and Open categories of the Instrumental Category and won eight gold medals as well as an Award for Best Band in the Instrumental Category (Seniors).

Described as unique by the President of the World Championships of Performing Arts (WCOPA), Mr. Griff O'Neal, the Petrotrin Boodoosingh Tassa Group was commended for its costuming and professionalism by several attending or participating in the Championships including WCOPA Production Manager Mr. Patrick Hart. The group was also welcomed and congratulated in Fort Lauderdale by the Mayor of Lauderhill, Mayor Richard J. Kaplan and a huge T&T delegation and invited to perform at the T&T Multicultural Day on September 4. They have also been invited to participate in the World Festival in Malaysia in May 2006.

"The Petrotrin Boodoosingh Tassa Group is no stranger to success with a very impressive achievement record of 30 first place winnings locally from 1984 to present," said Band Coordinator Mrs Angeline Kumar. "We are now focusing on the International markets and so far things are looking very positive for the Band. Thanks to our sponsors Petrotrin and the Ministry of Culture, we have already had some successes in places such as Canada, USA, London, Suriname, Barbados, Venezuela, Margarita Island and Grand Cayman. We have promised our sponsors to fly the T&T flag high in the International Arena, and as promised we are doing just that."

Petrotrin extends best wishes to the Petrotrin Boodoosingh Tassa Group.