

Nu Pan Groove Entertainment Bio

Steel Drum Bands are a popular form of entertainment for weddings, birthdays, receptions, corporate events, dinner parties, concerts, and live venues, just to name a few! Managed by percussionist and composer, Max Minskoff, Nu Pan Groove Entertainment performs well over 100 times a year in the Southern California area.

The sound of the Steel drum can bring a uplifting atmosphere to any occasion.

Being adaptable to any performance situation, the band can perform with or without power, outdoors, indoors, on the beach, on a boat, small spaces, or on a large stage.

Whatever the request, our answer is always "No Problem!"

Our performers pride themselves on the highest levels of performance, professionalism, and flexibility.

Our bands can be configured to suit the nature of any event.

Available as:

*Solo Steel Drummer

*Steel Drum Duo

*Steel Drum Trio or Quartet

*Trio with Vocals, Steel Drum, Bass, and Drums

*Full Steel Band up to 6 piece

*West African Drum Ensemble

(See our Bands Page for details on each group.)

The size and type of the band is determined by the event, the budget, and function of the music. For background music, wedding ceremonies, and small parties, a solo, duo, or trio is often most appropriate.

For large corporate events, wedding receptions, concerts, and dance venues, we highly recommend the full steel band with vocals, bass, drums, and Latin Percussion.

In addition we have a group, Pan Africa, that performs West African Drumming. This group commonly performs as a trio, but African dancers and additional drummers are available for larger events. Pan Africa, is great for educational demonstrations, corporate parties, or multicultural festivals.

Originating from the Island of Trinidad in the Caribbean, the Steel Drums are hand made from 55 gallon oil drums and are the only acoustic instruments invented in the 20th century. The Steel Drum, or Pan, is often associated with the styles of Calypso, Soca, and Reggae. Nu Pan Groove thoroughly covers these genres as well as jazz, salsa, bossa nova, rock, funk, classical and samba. For wedding receptions, we cover the classics:

"Pachelbel Canon", and "Bridal Chorus". Requests are welcome. Any style of music can be realized and sounds great on the pan!

Many times I am asked about how loud the band will be. The volume of the steel drum is controlled by the player and can be as soft as a whisper, or loud enough to fill a concert hall. With over 1500 collective performances under our belts, we as musicians are very sensitive to the appropriate volume to play in any given situation.

-Max Minskoff