

The CSM Panhandlers is a nationally acclaimed, 25 member steel band based in San Mateo, California. Under the direction of Jim Munzenrider, this group has been entertaining audiences throughout Northern California since 1987.

With an extensive repertoire of traditional socas, calypsos, beguines, and other styles, the Panhandlers have become a mainstay at a number of Bay Area events, including the San Francisco Aids Walk, numerous community concert series, and the annual Pan in the Schools Jamboree, a day long festival for elementary and high school steel bands. In 2002, the group became the “unofficial steel band” of the San Francisco Giants, when they were invited to perform at the Playoffs and World Series at Pacific Bell Park.

The CSM Panhandlers have recorded 4 CDs to date - all of which have been enthusiastically applauded by the steel pan community and the general public. Their recordings feature original compositions by renowned composers, fresh arrangements of classics, and innovative treatments of popular songs.

“Pacific Bell Park . . . There is a steel band, 15 members strong, from the Chabot Panhandlers of Chabot College in Hayward, California. Play ball. The World Series is back in San Francisco.”

George Vecsey
New York Times, October 23, 2002

“Trinidad comes to Chabot College with a calypso beat . . . and you’ve got yourself some serious pan.”

Martha Kennelly
Castro Valley Forum, Castro Valley, CA, Sept. 6, 2000

“David Rudder, Andy Narell, Pan Ramajay, and The Chabot Panhandlers . . . take calypso to the rest of the world . . . bringing messages of racial unity and political awareness . . . creating an exciting pan-Caribbean sound.”

Dirk Richardson
East Bay Express, Oakland, CA, Sept. 8, 2000

“The Chabot Panhandlers Steel Drum Band . . . one of the few truly Trinidadian steel bands based in this country.”

Critics’ Choice
The Oakland Tribune, Oakland, CA, Sept. 8, 2000

“The panhandlers have grown into a recognized voice in this unique and textured form of music. . . . a night of great island music.”

Edward Tice
The Chabot Spectator, Hayward, CA, Sept. 7, 2000

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