



# DRUMS, STEEL PAN AND SOCA

Music is the heartbeat of Carnival



**DRUMMING**..African People brought drumming to the Caribbean which they played in celebrations and in Carnival- known then as Camboulay..  
In 1883 drums were banned from Carnival by the government.

## IRON BAND

In the 1900s musicians introduced metal containers, car parts and oil drums into Tamboo Bamboo bands.

## TAMBOO BAMBOO

With no drums to play carnival groups would beat long tubes of bamboo to create rhythms.



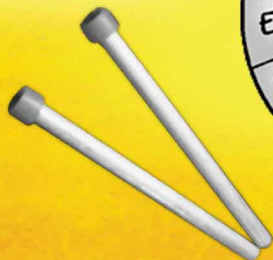
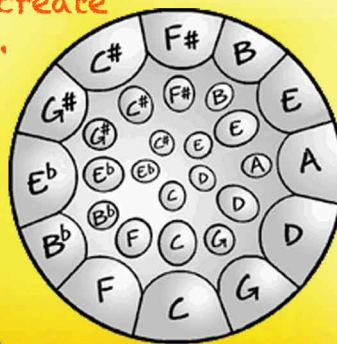
**KAISO** was the name of songs sung in the sugar plantations by African slaves in the 1700's

## CALYPSO

When slavery was abolished Kaiso developed into Calypso. Calypsonians wrote songs about politics, local news and told funny stories through their songs. Famous calypsonians include The Mighty Sparrow and Lord Kitchener.

## STEEL PAN

In the 1930's musicians in Trinidad began experimenting with oil drums beaten to create a range of musical notes. This became known as Steel Pan or Steel Drum



## SOCA

In the 1960's musicians mixed soul and calypso to create a new musical style called soca. This is the music we play today all over the world on Carnival day.

Let Get Creative!

Try writing your own Calypso song [CLICK HERE](#)  
Is there a Steel Pan group in your local area?



New World Steel Orchestra is the LEEDS Steel Pan Group  
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO..](#)