

Concert in the Park

Sholom Park Series
Amazing Steel Drum Ensemble
April 29, 2006 at 4 pm

By Dan Robinson

The second performance of The Concert in the ParkóSholom Park Series for 2006 is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, at 4 p.m. and features The ìAmazingî Steel Drum Band. The season began on Sunday, March 26 with the Good Company Dixieland Jazz Band before a large crowd who thoroughly enjoyed the day.

The HORTICULTURAL ARTS & PARK INSTITUTE, INC. with the able assistance of the Ladybird volunteers are excited to bring the ìAmazing Steel Drum Ensemble to perform a concert to beautiful Sholom Park, Ocalaís park dedicated to offering introflective peace among its gardens and walkways and labyrinth. It is the hope of its founders, Sidney and Ina Colen as well as Sholom Park Director, Steve Curl, that everyone who visits the park will leave with peace and joy that will spread to the community and to the world. Music will hopefully enhance your peaceful park experience.

The ìAmazingî Steel Drum Ensemble is a group of local youths who play steel drum instruments, performing musical selections ranging from Calypso to patriotic tunes. Everywhere they travel they draw large crowds of all ages. A recent event attracted well over 1,000 enthusiastic listeners. The group began as a Summer Camp music teaching activity for the Good Spirit Foundation, a not-for-profit, 501 (c) (3). Two Lead pans served as introductory instruments. Interest in the steel pans led to buying all the instruments of a pan orchestra. Tom Reynolds of Sanford, FL from St. Croix, Virgin Islands, is the hand crafter of the instruments. The band now has 14 pan positions and a trap set.

The instruments perform best in the cool of the afternoon out of the sunlight. An afternoon of distinctively unique contemporary music is scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m. Rene Beck and Gloria Scicluna, both officers of the Ladybirds and serve on the Concert in the Park Series Committee have heard the group perform and feel strongly that the music will compliment your Sholom Park experience beautifully. The Ladybirds are spouses of the RC Flyers and reside at On Top of the World.

There will be plenty of parking coordinated by the volunteers. Drinks and snacks will be provided at reasonable prices by John Langville and Candy Barker, of Candy Snowballs, Inc. sharing a portion of sales to further endow the park. The concert is sponsored by the HORTICULTURAL ARTS & PARK INSTITUTE, INC. (sometimes referred to as HAPI), a charitable organization exempt from federal income tax and volunteers. There is no admission charge for the concert; however, donations are encouraged.

Plans call for two additional concerts in the fall: a harvest concert in October and a holiday concert in early December.

We invite you to leave your pets, food, drinks, and busy life at home. Bring your friends, youngsters, blankets and lawn chairs to Shalom Park on April 29. Shalom Park is located 5.5 miles west of I-75, one mile north of State Road 200, 6602 SW 80th Ave., just north of Candler Hills Golf Course. Come early and catch the "Spirit of Shalom" among the many spring flowers, the introspective labyrinth, and the wildlife pond as evidenced by these photographs contributed by Bob Woods, Concert in the Park Photographer.