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Award-winning steelpannist and composer Josanne Francis engages a cross section of styles, including traditional calypso, jazz, Indian, funk, rock and European classical. She has collaborated with Etienne Charles, Jon Batiste, Afro Bop Alliance,

David Rudder, Andy Narell, and Victor Provost, among other diverse artists, and appeared with the Michigan Philharmonic and Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Currently pursuing her doctorate, the Trinidad & Tobago native has garnered multiple grants, and served on a number of panels. She recently delivered a TEDx presentation, and received a commission from the San Jacinto College Central Steelband to complete a multi-movement gesture for steelband. Josanne co-created the thriving performance outfit Elite Pan Consortium and launched Steel on Wheels LLC, an educational program that eliminates barriers for the creation and development of steelbands, and varied percussion ensembles. Visit her website [josannefrancis.com](http://josannefrancis.com) and follow her on social media @josannefrancis.

