

Come lime with me

Kim

Do your band members have a nick-name for you? No

When did you begin to play steelpans?

As an adult - I joined a steel band in 2004

What made you decide to play steelpans?

An individual who is now my husband

Which steelpan instrument do you play?

Double second

What do like about this instrument?

Its versatility

How often and for how long do you practice?

I practice at home probably a couple of times a week for about an hour or so - longer if we are learning a new song. We also practice once a week as a band.

What style of music do you enjoy playing the most?

All sorts. We play a mixture of contemporary pop to traditional Caribbean

How often do you perform at gigs?

Usually we have gigs lined up between May and September and generally perform about 8 - 10 gigs over this period

Do you get nervous before a performance?

Occasionally - if it's a more formal event

Have you played at carnival?

Not at a big carnival - just local

Tell me about your favourite performance and where it was?

This year, its been as part of the Lord Mayors Street Entertainment. Great atmosphere and nearly every song went well. Last year, we particularly enjoyed playing at Norwich Pride for similar reasons

Who is your favourite steelpan musician?

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My favourite wouldnt be known nationally as she is a local girl. I am inspired by some of the female pannists, Delphina James, Jenny Gilberg and in awe of some of the pan makers and tuners i have come across, such as Gerald Forsythe, Gerard Clarke.

What is the name of your favourite steelband?

I really like Pantonic All Stars Steel Orchestra and North Tyneside Steelband,

What is your favourite steelpan tune?

My all time favourite to listen to is" Pan in A minor". One of my favourite songs to play is Merengue

Do you play any other musical instruments? No

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Read, gym, internet, dog walking - and working on new song arrangements with my husband

Any other steelpan related comments?

Our steel pan band is called Spangle. We are a group of amateurs who play for fun using an instrument which is for everyone to enjoy, regardless of skill level. The steel pan is a fantastic instrument and I just cannot imagine life without it.