

# Shangoya's reggae sound mixes rhythm upon rhythm

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Staff Reporter

Minnesota hardly seems the place to find reggae music flourishing, but somehow Shangoya brought the rhythm and feel of the Islands to the Midwest.



An eight-piece band with members from four countries, the group has created a sound heavily concerned with mixture of rhythm upon rhythm. "Red Pants Jam" is its second album to appear on the Shadow label.

Leader Aldric Peter Nelson formed Shangoya in 1973 after moving from Trinidad, West Indies, to the Midwest.

Nelson uses a mix of calypso and reggae to bring his feelings to life. This mix is combined in a music form known as soca, which is reggae speeded up to its maximum level.

Nelson has played this music since his arrival in the Twin City area more than 12 years ago. At the time Shangoya was first forming, reggae was nowhere near its current popularity. Nelson is credited with bringing Third World music to the Twin City area.

The style and attitude of the band is laid back, and this is reflected heavily on the album. Many of the songs lull in complacency, causing an unexpected feeling of boredom.

On songs such as "Free Yourself" and the reggae instrumental "Tribute," Shangoya seems to have captured the essential balance between the use of so many instruments and rhythms.

Shangoya seems to intentionally avoid thought-provoking idealism in their lyrics. They prefer to say free yourself, get up and dance. Although it is not a flaw, it tends to wear itself thin after eight songs.

There is some impressive base and guitar work, but the constant use of various forms of percussion becomes tediously uniform.

Shangoya has appeared in concert with Peter Tosh and the Clash and will make an appearance at the Zoo Bar tonight.

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# UNL pianist . . .

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Hwang said she often gets nervous while performing, but tries to make the nervousness work for her.

"I try to enjoy it," she said. "I love to perform in public. You feel like you really live hard. You have to concentrate every second."

Hwang describes performing as "a special experience which not many people can do. It's wonderful because you have your own interpretation of the music, and you let them hear your own interpretation. You can convince them if you

are good enough. And if you feel that they are convinced, it is really great."

Hwang said she hopes the audience will be convinced at the performance. "I hope they will hear some beautifully exciting music."

In addition to Hwang's performance, the symphony will play the "Overture to King Lear" by Berlioz and "Romeo and Juliet, Second Suite" by Prokofiev. The concert is scheduled for 8 p.m. in Nebraska Wesleyan's Donnell Auditorium. Ticket information and reservations may be obtained through the symphony office, 474-5610.

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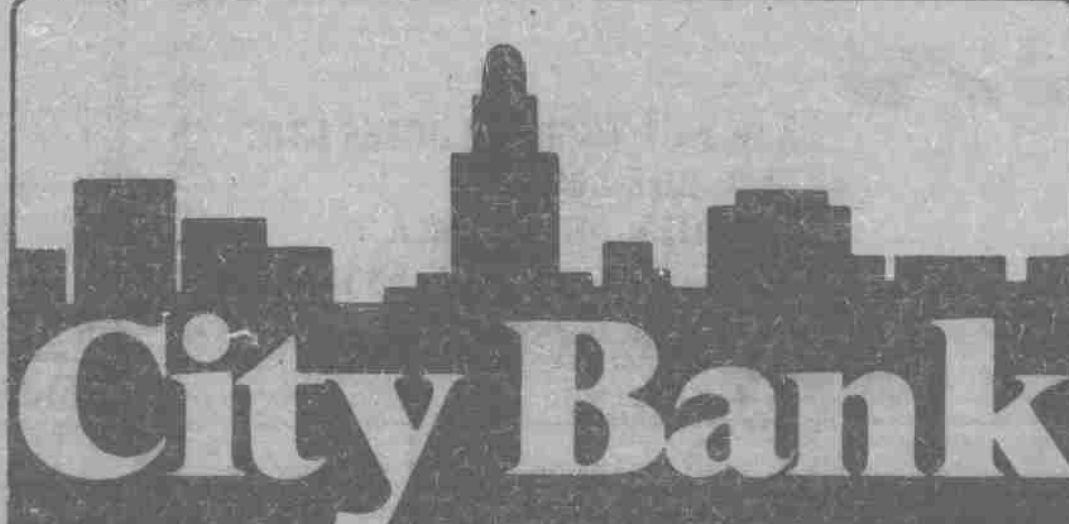
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