



The Swedes go for T&T soca

THE SWEDISH band, Soca Rebels, have released an entire album.

The eight-man group, whose love affair with T&T's national music is made up of Lars Hansson (lead vocals, guitar, steelpan), Anna Bernamalm (vocal), Lotte Wieslander (vocal), Cia Anderson (Vocal, Mats Hansson (keyboard), Bjorn Hansson (bass), Mikael Uneman (percussion) and Anders Howerdal (drums).

Currently the only soca band in Sweden, they were first heard in 1991 when they made a Swedish version of Crazy's "Nani Wine".

In September of that year, they toured Sweden together with the lovable lunatic.

Though it will be some time before they appear 'live' in Trinidad, their involvement in the music helps its international image.

Their 1994 album "Soca Rebels" features three jumpy tunes and an instrumental. The tunes — "Soca Nation", "Party Hearty" and "Dis Is Trouble" — are all originals.

The album has received very little airplay due to the heavy presence of local input at this time, but that is expected to change after the Carnival.

Manufactured in Barbados, the album is distributed locally by Crosby's Music Centre, Western Main Road, St. James.