



## Destra chats live with partygoers

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**WHILE new mother Destra Garcia has been busy taking care of her month-old baby girl, Xaiya, Digicel, her sponsor, has found a way to get her involved in Carnival.**

Last weekend the soca diva took part in the first of a series of online chat hookups at Carnival shows and fetes at Chutney Brass at Guaracara Park, Pointe-a-Pierre. The night before there were problems and her intended live chat at the Army Fete at the Queen's Park Savannah didn't come off as planned.

Last Sunday at the Friends to the Max fete at the Queen's Park Oval, Destra was again online with partygoers . From 3 pm to 6 pm, patrons sat at three laptops positioned at the fete where they were able to chat with their favourite soca personality.

Natalie Black, Digicel's PR and Sponsorship Executive, explained that the live Destra chats are transmitted on the telecommunication giant's Facebook page at various times, but they thought it a good idea to have Destra at the Carnival events.

One more live chat is planned for this Saturday at Chutney Mania.

Meanwhile, the soca artiste's 2010 release "Fireworks" has been a popular choice for several music bands throughout the festival season. The song was done for last year's Carnival but was deliberately held back for 2010. However "Surrender", composed by Ken "Professor" Philmore and Mark Loquan and sung by Destra, has been very popular with steelbands.

At Saturday's National Panorama Finals, medium bands NLCB Buccaneers and Courts Sound Specialists of Laventille, who are currently sitting in third and fourth places respectively in the competition rankings, are playing that selection.

In the large band category, NLCB Fonclaire's tune of choice, "Rewind" is also done by the team of Loquan, Philmore and Destra. They will be playing in sixth position.

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