



The Steel Monarchs

The Skinny

- **Genres:** Classical, Covers / Standards
- **Formed:** San Diego, 1999

History

The Steel Monarchs is a steel drum band founded in 1999 at Monarch School, a San Diego public institution assisting homeless youth. Initially, some percussion instruments were donated by promoter and activist Makeda Dread, of the World Beat Center.

As of the 2010/2011 school year, the program instructor is Robbie Hutchinson. At any given time, five students make up the performing ensemble, with another half dozen or so in training.