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Karen 'Lady Mac' McIntosh Bruce Crowned St. Croix Calypso Monarch for 2024

Event organizers overcome initial disputes to successfully host the Calypso Monarch Finals

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Karen 'Lady Mac' McIntosh Bruce proudly holds her trophy following her victorious win as the St. Croix Calypso Monarch, achieved on January 1. By. ST. CROIX CALYPSONIANS UNITED

ST. CROIX — Karen "Lady Mac" McIntosh Bruce triumphed as the 2024 St. Croix Calypso Monarch, announced by St. Croix Calypsonians United. The Calypso Monarch Finals, held on January 1 at the Island Center for the Performing Arts, showcased nine calypsonians vying for the title with their exceptional musical talents.

Lady Mac clinched the crown with her striking performances of "Lend A Hand" and "Puppet Man", further cementing her legacy in the calypso music scene.

Among other honorees, Di'Jon "JonDi" Baptiste received accolades as the Most Improved Calypsonian, performing "Ah Bust" and "Drunk." Samuel "Mighty Pat" Ferdinand earned the 3rd Runner Up spot with "It's A Shame" and "Extra Income." Hansill "Richie" Buntin, serenading the audience with "So Many Too Many" and "Calypso Lover," was declared 2nd Runner Up.

The 1st Runner Up title went to Emogene "Blakness" Creese for her renditions of "Festival Is Culture" and "Bring It Back." The line-up also included Jerome "Chugga" Bryan, Linroy "Pilot" Forde, Chandy "Mr. 340" Jeremiah, Jennisha "Jinger" Joseph, and Orilus "Ratso" Telemaque.

Daren "Bogle" Stevens, known for his humor, hosted the evening, which was replete with remarkable calypso music, according to the release. The finals were made possible through the support of sponsors like Ciga Promotions, Just Right Trucking, Senator Franklin Johnson, Devin Carrington, Legacy Tires, Sejah Farm, Patrick "De Soljah" Farrell, DJ Poppy Pops, and the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission.

Despite initial scheduling challenges due to a disagreement between the Division of Festivals and the calypsonians, the event was successfully organized thanks to the Calypso Monarch Committee, chaired by Dean Baptiste, the release stated. The committee's swift action ensured the celebration of St. Croix's rich calypso heritage.

St. Croix Calypsonians United extended congratulations to Lady Mac for her well-earned victory and expresses deep appreciation to all who participated, sponsored, and supported the 2024 St. Croix Calypso Monarch Finals.