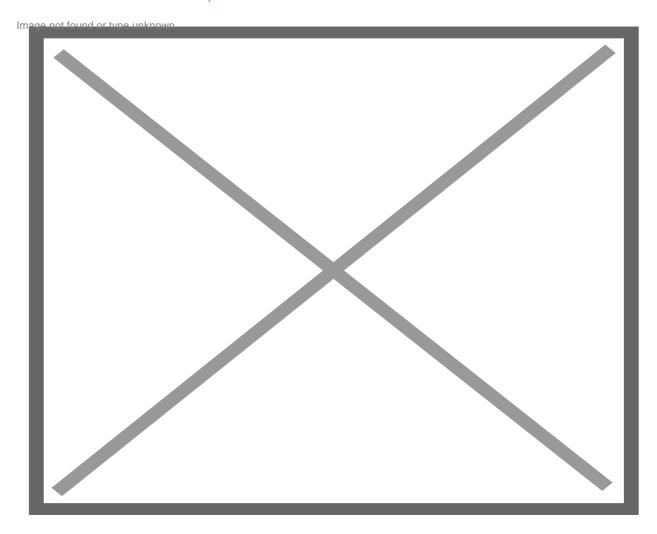
Sizzla, Machel, TeeJay, Shaggy, Patrice Roberts and Kes Among Headliners For St. Thomas Carnival

Renowned artists and local performers set to illuminate the Carnival Village stage

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Some of the artists of the 2024 St. Thomas Carnival Lineup.

The V.I. Department of Tourism and Division of Festivals have unveiled an exciting roster of performers for the 72nd Annual St. Thomas Carnival Village, promising an unforgettable experience for attendees.

Headlining the event will be renowned Caribbean artists Shaggy, Patrice Roberts, Sizzla Kalonji, Kes, and Machel Montano, set to energize the crowd with their performances starting April 29.

D.O.T. Commissioner Joseph Boschulte expressed enthusiasm about the upcoming Carnival, highlighting the importance of the event in showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the territory. "The anticipation around this year's St. Thomas Carnival is at an all-time high, and the Village night performers reflect the continued influence and growth of our territory's three carnivals," Mr. Boschulte stated.

The festival will also feature a strong representation from local talent including Adam O, Rudy Live, Temisha, Karnage, Blind Earz, VIO International, and Spectrum Band, among others.

Ian Turnbull, director of the USVI Division of Festivals, emphasized the event's commitment to celebrating Virgin Islands and Caribbean culture, which he described as the cornerstone of the annual celebrations. "Every year, our goal is to pay homage to the vast Virgin Islands and Caribbean culture that is at the cornerstone of these annual celebrations for natives and visitors alike," he said.

Adding to the festival's diverse musical lineup, Haitian kompa band VAYB and Dominican salsa orchestra Chiquito Team Band are set to perform, alongside first-time territory performers TeeJay, Jada Kingdom, and Kollision Band. Returning favorites Edwin Yearwood and Krosfyah, along with Grandmasters, will also take the stage, promising a rich and varied musical experience for festival-goers.

In a new addition to the carnival festivities, this year will feature the first Kids Night Out Village Night. This family-friendly evening will include activities such as the Toddlers Derby, Best Dressed Doll, and performances by TMK and OTB, catering to the younger carnival enthusiasts.

For more details on the 72nd Annual St. Thomas Carnival and other events, attendees are encouraged to visit the official USVI Festivals <u>Instagram page</u> or the U.S. Virgin Islands tourism website.

The St. Thomas Carnival Village is poised to offer six nights of free concerts, bringing together an eclectic mix of music and culture, making it a must-visit destination for both locals and visitors in search of an authentic Caribbean experience.

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