

The Virgin Islands Consortium

'Carnival Bash' Announced For September 5 As St. Croix Gears Up For 2015-2016 Festivities

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ST. CROIX -- The Crucian Christmas Carnival Organization has announced the 2015-16 Carnival theme and some major dates for the upcoming festival season, and is asking the community to stay connected to its [Facebook page](#) for regular updates and announcements.

In March, the CCCO asked the public to submit theme suggestions, and it recently chose a theme submitted by Marcia Lewis, "Past, Present & Future Scenes, St. Croix Carnival 2015-2016" as the winning title.

CCCO says the theme reflects "both the history of our festival as it celebrates where we are now and shapes the future of carnival festivities on St. Croix," and added that it "allows for the creativity of the parade entries to emerge and is a great topic of discussion for pageant contestants."

"Every year the Committee brings something fresh and new to the table. We have to keep the excitement level high! This year we want to get people all over the world excited about St. Croix early in the season so we are introducing a Pre-Carnival J'ouvert Warm Up on September 5! People are already thinking about the Christmas Festivities, so why not fire up the excitement by having a Carnival bash in September? The two high energy bands who will participate in the J'ouvert warm up will be announced soon," reads the press release, issued on Saturday.

"We are encouraging troops to post photos of their parade costumes on our FaceBook page and for musicians to post a link to their new carnival music there also. We are working to make updates to the official web page. New music will be added to the website playlist. When the site is updated we will inform the public," it added.

Contestants are still being sought for the various contests and competitions. Deadlines are approaching soon. The organization says there is time remaining to apply for the St. Croix Carnival Queen, Prince and Princess, Party Monarch and Calypso Monarch. Participants are asked to register their troupes for "Carnival Meets the Runway". Applications for vendors at the Christiansted Mini Village are available. The Food, Art and Crafts Committee is seeking food, drink and pastry vendors, as well as wood workers, visual artists, farmers, made in the Virgin Islands items, plant and fruit tree vendors.

Contacts:

- Queen, Prince and Princess Pageants call Jamal Drummond 340-5149335
- Carnival Meets the Runway/Party Monarch competition call Alvin Burke 954-9138744
- Food, Arts and Crafts Fair call Bradley Christian 340-514-6884
- Call Hazel Lloyd to participate in the Calypso Monarch Competition 340-277-3266
- Call Omar Henry for vendor and booth information 340-6437038

Carnival Season Dates to Remember

PRE-CARNIVAL J'OUVERT WARMUP September 5 (5:30 am) from Bassin Triangle to Altona Lagoon, vendors, music food and fun following the J'ouvert!

CARNIVAL MEETS THE RUNWAY October 17 at The Palms at Pelican Cove. See all the parade costumes walk the runway!

PARTY MONARCH ELIMINATIONS December 11 - 8 pm Location to be Announced

CHRISTIANSTED J'OUVERT AND MINI VILLAGE December 12, Jouvert 5:30 am from Bassin Triangle to Altona Lagoon DJ music following the bands. Mini Village is one night and opens at 7 pm bands start at 8:30 pm

PRINCE AND PRINCESS SHOW December 13 - 3 pm Island Center

ST CROIX CARNIVAL QUEEN December 20 - 5pm Island Center

OPENING OF MAIN VILLAGE IN FREDERIKSTED December 26, 7 p.m. through January 3, 2016

PARTY MONARCH COMPETITION December 29, 8 pm in the Frederiksted Carnival Village

CARNIVAL J'OUVERT December 30, Hannah's Rest Corner Frederiksted gather at 5:30 am jouvert ends at the Frederiksted Carnival Village

FOOD, ART & CRAFTS FAIR December 30, 12 noon Around the Eliza McBean Clock Tower in Frederiksted

CALYPSO MONARCH COMPETITION December 30, Island Center 8 pm sharp!

CHILDREN'S PARADE Friday, January 1 10 am Begins at Claude O. Markoe School

ADULTS PARADE Saturday, January 2, 10 am Begins at Claude O. Markoe School

Feature Image: Lockhart Troop during the 2014-2015 Carnival [Adults Parade](#).

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