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Nine Calypsonians Advance To St. Thomas 2017 Carnival Calypso Final

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ST. THOMAS -- The Virgin Islands Carnival Committee kicked off the 2017 carnival schedule on Saturday night with the Stoli-Budweiser Calypso Elimination Tent, at the Crown Bay Center, the V.I. Carnival Committee (St. Thomas Carnival Committee) has announced. There, eighteen calypsonians battled for the opportunity to become one of nine finalist to compete against the [reigning Calypso Queen, Caribbean Queen](#), for the 2017 Calypso Monarch title.

The elimination was held in two rounds, with King Kan-Fo-Plenty, Broc-Le, Yellowman, Singing Jackie, Bakka, General Val, Mighty Pat and X-Man competing in round #1. Super T, John Gotty, De Arc, Sarrow, Nikki Smith, Incredible Shark, The Bloop, King Generic,

Iroy and Chaplet competed in round #2. To the delight of a packed crowd, the calypsonians delivered songs ranging from comical to uplifting to political commentary.

At the end of the competition, the finalists selected to compete for the Carnival 2017 Calypso Monarch title against Caribbean Queen are (in no specific order): King Kan-Fo-Plenty, Broc-Le, Yellowman, General Val, Mighty Pat, Super T, John Gotty, Nikki Smith and The Bloop. The V.I. Calypso Competition will be held on Saturday, April 22, at 8 p.m. in the Lionel Roberts Stadium.

The Carnival Committee thanked elimination tent sponsors West Indies Company, distributors of Stoli Vodka and Budweiser, along with the Crown Bay Center.

For more info about 2017 carnival activities, visit the committee's website [here](#).