

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Tonight Is 'Divas Night' At Jazz In The Park At Fort Christiansvaern

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Vocal powerhouse Lorna Freeman, reggae-jazz sensation Blakness Creese, former V.I. Idol Cherise King, and Caribbean Got Talent “The Voice” winner Seanise Jeffers will light up the bandstand tonight during the Jazz in the Park “Divas Night!” benefit concert.

The free concert will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. tonight on the lawn of Fort Christiansvaern, and parking will be available in the National Park Service parking lot, which will remain open until 8 p.m.

The event will also feature First Lady Yolanda Bryan, who will introduce the Jazz in the Park Youth Showcase performer, Norine Prospere. The 13-year-old John H. Woodson

student will perform a special saxophone solo, backed by trumpet virtuoso Eddie Russell and the Community Music Band. The band, which also includes Mario Thomas on bass, Lennox Joseph on guitar and Afra Daley on percussion, will perform its usual crowd-pleasing fusion of jazz, salsa and Quelbe to round out the evening.

Jazz in the Park's "Divas Night" concert is aimed at raising awareness and community support for "Crucian Kids Rock!," a free pilot afterschool music program for at-risk students tentatively scheduled for January 2020.

"It's been proven that involvement in music education enhances learning skills in all other disciplines," said event organizer and bandleader Eddie Russell. "Crucian Kids Rock! was created to provide a free musical experience to children in our community who might not be able to afford it."

The Jazz in the Park monthly concert series and upcoming "Crucian Kids Rock!" music program are presented by Community Music Inc., a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation that promotes social harmony and educational enrichment through music.

Businesses wishing to make tax-deductible contributions or residents seeking to volunteer for Jazz in the Park or "Crucian Kids Rock!" should visit , email or contact Edwin "Eddie" Russell at 340-227-3914.