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The Performances Were Many: Pictures of St. Croix's 175th Emancipation Celebrations and Ceremony

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Performances who many at the July 3, 2023 Emancipation ceremony at Budhoe Park, Frederiksted marking the historic event's 175th anniversary. By. MEDIA ONE

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