

\* \* \* **CARRIACOU PARANG FESTIVAL** \* \* \*

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Dear Parangdero,

Carriacou Parang Festival Committee takes this opportunity to officially inform you of the forthcoming 35<sup>th</sup> annual Carriacou Parang Festival. The Festival runs from Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2012. The actual date for the Parang bands competition is Sunday December 23, 2012, beginning at 8:00 pm. The Test-Piece for this year's competition is "**Jesus Is Born**", please find a copy of this song attached.

As we prepare to celebrate this year's festival, every effort is being put into the planning to ensure that it is of the highest standard, we therefore urges bands to start practicing now so as to ensure that the overall standard of the festival will be very high this year.

NB: This year the prize for the "Best-Dressed" band has been increased significantly to \$1500.00, as a result all Parang Bands are to go out and look for sponsorship from the various companies and individuals in order to prepare their outfits to go on stage.

**Following are useful guidelines and information**

01. Bands must not have more than or lesser than eight (8) members
02. Bands must make two appearances – First Round & Second Round
03. Bands must not remain on stage for more than (15) minutes
04. Bands must not use "slack"/slanderous or offensive words in their compositions
05. Bands must register before the 18th of December 2012
06. Bands must be back-stage by 7:30 PM
07. Bands must wear colours and style of outfit that reflects the Parang Season
08. Bands that do not stick to the rules will lose points and part of its prize money
09. Bands may put its own arrangements to the Test Piece, once it is in line with the judges criteria
10. Bands scoring lesser than 75% of the winners score will receive \$1000.00 as its consolation prize money
11. Bands are to seek their own sponsorship, in order to prepare its members to compete for the lucrative best-dressed prize money
12. Bands final score will reflect points gained for best stage out-fit
13. Bands will lose **Five Points** for every line of "**Smut/Slanderous**" lyrics that the Band sings on stage
14. **NB:** Bands that do not comply with all of the above Rules will not receive any prize money

Respectfully,

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