

* * * CARRIACOU PARANG FESTIVAL * * *

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Dear Parangdero,

Carriacou Parang Festival Committee takes this opportunity to officially inform you of the forthcoming 36th annual Carriacou Parang Festival. The Festival runs from Friday the 20th through to Sunday the 22nd of December 2013. The actual date for the Parang bands competition is Sunday December 22, 2013, beginning at 8:00 pm. The festival will be held this year at Hillsborough Tennis Court.

This year for the first time, all Parang bands are asked to select their own song to be judged on in the first round of competition. NB: the choice of song **must** be a Christmas Carol (vintage or modern-day). The criteria for judging of both rounds of competition remains the same and bands must put extreme efforts in to the preparations for both rounds of competition in order to enhance their chances of winning the title this year.

As per usual all Parang Bands must look professional on stage, they should be neatly dressed in colour clothing that reflects the season of the year. Apart from winning the best dressed prize of \$1500.00, bands stage outfits forms part of the overall judging (stage presence & uniformity) of the competition. We therefore urge bands to pay particular attention to their outfit on stage, in order to enhance their chances of winning the competition.

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 submit its selected song for first round before the 06th of December 2013
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 scoring lesser than 75% of the winners score will receive \$1000.00 as its consolation prize money
10. Bands are to seek their own sponsorship, in order to prepare its members to compete for the lucrative best-dressed prize money and also to improve its chances of winning the competition.
11. Bands final score will reflect points gained for best dressed
12. Bands will lose **Five Points** for every line of “**Smut/Slanderous**” lyrics that the Band sings on stage
13. **NB:** Bands that do not comply with all of the above Rules will not receive any prize money

The following are the prizes that are up for grabs in the competition for 2013:

1 st Prize	\$8000.00
2 nd Prize	\$6000.00
3 rd Prize	\$4000.00
Consolation Prize	\$2000.00
Best Dresses Prize	\$1500.00
Best Rendered Test-Piece	\$100.00
Best Rendered Melée Chorus	\$100.00
Best Rendered Melée Composition	\$100.00
Band(s) Making Debut in Competition	\$100.00

Looking forward to every band getting down to serious practice sessions in order to be a winner.

Respectfully,

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