



SCHOOL SOCA MONARCH OPEN TO PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA, June 11, 2014 - GIS: The School Soca Monarch, previously known as the Secondary School Soca Monarch, has, in 2014, opened its doors to participants from Primary Schools. This move makes it possible for students between ages 9 and 18 to vie for the title of "School Soca Monarch".

Senior Cultural Officer, with responsibility for Music, Mr. Adrian Mark, said that after observing the talent resident in younger students, the Ministry has decided to invite Primary School students to participate.

"We have noticed that some students in the Primary Schools have the same potential and talent as the older students. So this year, we opened the competition to Secondary Schools Students and Primary School Students as well," the Culture Official said.

Mr. Mark said that as a result the programme has seen increased participation from schools, with a total of 50 schools signing up for the 2014 competition.

"This year there was an influx in the number of persons registering and we are happy that most of the schools are involved, as opposed to the few who have been participating over the last few years" Mr. Mark said.

The Ministry is currently in the process of coordinating the Preliminary Rounds, which will occur in a zoned manner on June 16 and June 17, 2014.

On Monday, June 16, Schools from St. Patrick's, St. Andrew's and St. Mark will contest at the St. Patrick's Anglican School, and on Tuesday, June 17, Schools from St. David's, St. John's and St. George's will contest at the Grenada Boys Secondary School.

The event will begin at 2:30 PM on both days.

The emerging 20 finalists will come against the reigning Presentation Brothers' College Soca Monarch, Nathan Johnson, - "Nathan J" - on July 2, 2014 at Tanteen Playing Field.

Mr. Mark said that another strategic move the Ministry has made to enhance the programme is to change the date of the finals to encourage the support from students and gain more recognition in the eyes of the public.

“For the last 3 years, we had it in the heart of the Carnival celebrations and often it was overshadowed by the other activities. So this year, we have decided to have it in the last week of the school term to encourage more young people and students to attend,” Mr. Mark said.

The finalists will be backed by the New Generation Band, a youth band organized by the Ministry of Culture.

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