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Young kaisonians ready for Scotiabank Junior Calypso Monarch Semifinals July 13



Reigning senior 2011 Scotiabank Junior Calypso Monarch Samantha 'Sammi G' Greaves

BRIDGETOWN, July 12, 2012 – Twenty-five junior calypsonians will vie for a spot in **The Scotiabank Junior Calypso Monarch Finals** as they compete in the Semifinals on Friday July 13th at the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre at 7 p.m.

Twelve junior calypsonians along with one reserve who have advanced to the semifinal stage of the junior 8-12 category. They are Tashanna "*Minnie*" Bute singing **The Drums**; Trevon "*Mighty King*" Callender – **Stop the Discrimination**; Moesha "*Mighty Princess*" Elder – **Making Time for Your Children**; Alisha "*AG*" Gaskin-Small – **Striking and Sweeping**; Jazz "*Jazz-Z*" Gittens –

Cricket; Jeanie “G Baby” Graham – Hot Water; Jade “Jade” Grant – Raise Your Flag; Raanan “Raanan” Hackett – De New Raanan; Lianna “Black Beauty” – Driving Mad; Winette “Blossom” – Sound Education; Asher “Dynamo” Murrell – Use Wisdom; Quinn “Quinn P” Prescott – Ah Come to You, Shango Man and Reniqua “Blossom” Lyte-Griffith – Poor People.

Meanwhile in the 13-18 age category, 13 junior calypsonians have qualified for the semifinal leg of the Scotiabank Junior Calypso Monarch Competition. All have advanced to the semifinal round due to a tie for 12th place. This resulted in no reserve for the senior category.

They are Aisha “Mandisa” Butcher with **My Advice**; Anita “AC” Charles – **Ya Can’t Beat Me Again**; Aziza “Lil Az” – **Black Woman Rising**; Rabiah “Small One” Clarke – **Stop The Bullying**; Moesha “Nubian Princess” – **You Do Dat in Front of We**; Ashley “Queen Ashe” Green – **Looka How Yuh Change**; Ariel “Ari G” John – **Stand Up**; Kade “Young Dia” Mascoll – **Pray**; Jason “Jamoon” Moore – **Just Hold On**; Adela “Adela” Payne – Guide Me; Bernice “Niecee” Roach – **Blackberry Sheep**; Xaria “Mhizz-Z” – **Education**; Tia “T Girl” Yarde – **I am H.I.V.**

Under the bank’s **Bright Future** banner, Scotiabank has been a proud, enduring sponsor of the competition, which for more than two decades has seen a number of former monarchs elevated to senior competition, including current Pic-o-de-Crop condenters, Sir Ruel and Malika.

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