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Scotiabank Junior Monarch 2023 Launched!

The 2023 edition of the Scotiabank Junior Monarch was launched yesterday at the Bank's location in Warrens. Scotiabank has injected over BBD\$80,000 into this year's Programme, which features the first ever visually impaired semi finalist - Rashad "King Shad" Applewhaite who will perform in the soca category. It is hoped that his involvement opens the door for more differently abled persons to feel empowered to be a part of the Scotiabank Junior Monarch Competition.

Speaking at the launch, Andrea Wells - Chief Cultural Officer, National Cultural Foundation (NCF) thanked Scotiabank for its longstanding commitment to youth development. "This successful relationship that the NCF has had with Scotiabank has lasted for over 25 years. There is no other sponsor that has stayed the course and financed a single Crop Over event, especially one that caters to our youth, for the length of time that Scotiabank has with the Junior Monarch Competition" she commented.

The Scotiabank Junior Monarch stage represents a critical incubator for the senior calypso competitions, whether it be calypso or soca. The incredible value of the programme was evident in last year's Pic-O-De-Crop Finals where five former Junior Monarchs: Quon, Sammy G, Raanan, Teri and Doynne (Doy yen) were among the 18 finalists.

Carla Boyce - Retail and Small Business Lead, Scotiabank emphasized the Bank's focus on helping young people reach their full potential. "The Scotiabank Junior Calypso Monarch helps our young people learn and enhance their skills. Participants are exposed to more than just the competition aspect of the programme, but also benefit from mentorship and vocal training through scheduled workshops. We're also hosting financial planning workshops where they learn the importance of saving, budgeting and investing. The programme truly aims to help our young people become well-rounded" she indicated.

At the event, the 25 semi finalists also drew for their performance positions.

CATEGORY: CALYPSO			
Position	Given Name	Sobriquet	Song
1	Alyssa Harris	Slay	Just Like These Women
2	Relissa Mitcham	Re Re	Tribute To My Granny

3	Haylei Wise	Hailstorm	Both Sides
4	Khalija Kellman	Khaleesi	De Bully
5	Kiara Drayton-Archer	Mhizz Khibaba	Unity Is Strength
6	Alyssa Cumberbatch	Queen A	The Black Reality
7	Eden Murrell	Potent	Can't Lash We
8	Destiny Murrell	Destiny	Environment
9	Danesha Davis	Danekia	Dear John
10	Kadarius Allen	King K	Dear God
11	Kenaz Walker	The Mighty Bit Bit	Drugs and Disobedience
12	Sabiah Gaskin	Sabiah	Your Creation
13	Sakarah Thomas	Sakarah	Alexa
	Reserve		
	Joshua King	King Boy	Give Thanks

CATEGORY: SOCA			
Positions	Given Name	Sobriquet	Song
1	Jazarie Belgrave	Zarie B	Get Active
2	Thierry Belgrave	TiJay	Ah Feeling
3	Joshua Oxley	Joshox	Push De Truck
4	Sephon Sealy	Lil Stathis	Fold In Half
5	Kymani Devonish	The Showman	We Doan Care
6	Rojani Shurland-Agard	Rojani	Vacation
7	Rashad Applewhaite	King Shad	Jam Down
8	Ranesha Stewart	Ranesha	Good Vibes
9	Trinity Clarke	Trinity	I Love Soca
10	Joshua Blackman	Joshua B	Dis Sweet Festival
11	Rimiya Wilson	Majestic Miya	We Crop Ova
12	Revenn Moseley	YSR	Sweet Lime

This year, there will be two Scotiabank Junior Monarch tents - this Sunday, June 18 and next Sunday, June 25 at the Steel Shed, Queen's Park. The Semifinals will be held on Sunday, July 2 at the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre.

The Finals will be held on Saturday, July 15 at the National Botanical Gardens.



Carla Boyce - Retail and Small Business Lead, Scotiabank during the Media Launch of the Scotiabank Junior Monarch 2023



Andrea Wells, Chief Cultural Officer, NCF thanked Scotiabank for its longstanding partnership during the Media Launch of the Scotiabank Junior Monarch 2023



Rashad Applewaithe draws for his performance place in the soca category for the semi-finals



Relissa Mitcham draws for her semi final performance place in the calypso category



Scotiabank presents its sponsorship cheque to the NCF while the semi finalists celebrate the launch of the Scotiabank Junior Monarch 2023