



SCOTIABANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED

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Scotiabank Junior Monarch 2026 Launched!

The 2026 edition of the Scotiabank Junior Monarch was officially launched at the Bank's Warrens location, marking another exciting milestone in Barbados' Crop Over season and a continued investment in the development of young talent.

This year's has attracted 47 entries across the calypso and soca categories, surpassing last year's participation and underscoring the growing interest and enthusiasm among Barbados' youth. Following the preliminary round, 27 contestants advanced to the semi-finals, including 13 calypsonians and 13 soca artistes, along with one reserve.

Speaking at the launch, Lana Fingall, Team Lead and Snr Relationship Manager, Offshore Banking Unit, Scotiabank Barbados, reaffirmed the Bank's commitment to youth development and cultural preservation: "For 31 years, Scotiabank has proudly supported the Junior Monarch programme because we believe in the power and potential of our young people. Through this platform, we are not only celebrating talent, but helping to build confidence, resilience and opportunity, ensuring that our youth are equipped to succeed both on stage and in life."

A Strong Partnership for Youth Development

Representatives from the National Cultural Foundation (NCF) also underscored the value of Scotiabank's longstanding partnership in sustaining and growing the programme. NCF Chief Executive Officer Carol Roberts praised the Bank's continued investment in youth and culture, noting that the Junior Monarch initiative has evolved into more than just a competition, serving as a platform where young people can build confidence, connect with mentors, and develop their authentic voice.

She encouraged participants to embrace the experience fully, highlighting that their involvement reflects courage and creativity, and positions them as future ambassadors of Barbadian culture.

Scotiabank's Commitment to Youth and Culture

With a proud legacy of 31 years of partnership with the Junior Monarch programme, Scotiabank remains committed to empowering young people through opportunities that foster creativity, confidence and resilience.

Through initiatives like Junior Monarch, and under its global social impact programme ScotiaRISE, the Bank supports not only artistic development but also critical life skills, helping participants grow into well-rounded individuals prepared to contribute meaningfully to their communities.

Participants benefit from structured mentorship, training in songwriting, stagecraft and performance, as well as financial literacy sessions led by the Scotiabank team, equipping them for success both on and off the stage.

Schedule

The 2026 Scotiabank Junior Monarch season will unfold over several key events:

- **Junior Monarch Tents:** June 13 and June 20 at Queen's Park Steel Shed
- **Semi-finals:** June 28 at Carifesta Hall
- **Finals:** July 18, where finalists will compete for the coveted Junior Monarch titles

The programme will once again showcase the creativity, passion and originality of Barbados' young performers, offering them a national platform to be seen, heard and celebrated.



Lana Fingall Sr. Relationship Manager and Team Lead, Offshore Banking Unit, Scotiabank during the Launch of the Scotiabank Junior Monarch 2026.



Carol Roberts, Chief Executive Officer, NCF during the Launch of the Scotiabank Junior Monarch 2026.



Reigning Junior Monarch Calypso Champion -King K performs during the Launch for the 2026 edition of the Programme.



Master Kajaе draws for his semi final performance position in the Calypso Category.



Niara drew position 7 for her performance in Soca Category.



Reigning Junior Monarch Soca Champion -Mr. Showman performs during the Launch for the 2026 edition of the Programme.



Scotiabank and NCF representatives during the cheque presentation representing the Bank's 2026 sponsorship of the Junior Monarch.



Participants, NCF and Scotiabank representatives at the Launch.