

SKANDALUS REIGNS FOR CARNIVAL 2016

Skandalus repeated as Band of the Year in the Senior Parade of the Bands Scarborough 2016 Carnival celebrations.

The band, led by Lindy Davidson and Nelsia Ashby, won for their presentation “Rome The Empire”, scoring 1294 points. Marcus Des Vignes and Eldez and Associates were second with 1287 for “Art of War”, while Stoute Next Generation, led by Candice Chang-Sandy, was third (1270 points) with “Day and Night”.

Skandalus was also the top Large Band, with Stoute Next Generation second, and Lue-Ann Melville Associates (“Portrait of Dancers”) third.

Eldez and Associates comfortably won the Medium Band category, with Gems City (Nicole Edmund-Darlington) second for “Let’s Dance” and Lindley Melville and Associates were third for “Birds of a Feather”. Lenn Topin and Minstrels of Tobago celebrated the Small Band category win after presenting “Excerpts of Minstrels of Tobago through the Years”. Happy Lost Sailors (Robert Marshall and George Leacock) and Astra Winchester Creations (Astra Winchester).

In Roxborough, Skandalus also prevailed in the Large Band category, with Stoute Next Generation second.

Lindley Melville and Associates were the best Medium band with “Birds of a Feather, and JD Fantasy won the Small Band category for “My Ranger – Tale of the Desert Traveller”.

Carnival in Crown Point saw a significant improvement, with a seventy-five percent increase in participation. The overall band of the Year in Crown Point was Fog Angels with their presentation, “Fogalicious”.

Tobago Carnival Committee chairman Winston Gordon says Tobago had a relatively good Carnival 2016, and singled out Pan Trinbago Tobago Region president Marie Toby for the overall performances of the Tobago bands. This year, an unprecedented 14 bands made it to national finals.



HAVING A GOOD TIME: Young jab jabs from the band L&J Associates crack their whips during traditional mas celebrations on Carnival Monday (February 10, 2016) in Scarborough. -Photo CLEMENT WILLIAMS

MASON HALL POLICE YOUTH CLUB GETS DONATION

The Mason Hall Police Club was a proud recipient of a financial donation today, which will go towards their athletics team.

Chief Secretary Orville London made good on his promise to donate five percent on his salary to the organisation, and presented the cheque at the Office of the Chief Secretary, Administrative Complex, Calder Hall. Athletics coach Collin Mark

was happy for the gesture.

“The club (has) embarked on quite a lot of projects and having been chosen by the Chief Secretary it’s (a wonderful feeling,” Mark said.

He also commended the THA for its investment in the island’s youth. Mark said the club has a group project. It’s also focusing on preparing almost 20 athletes for upcoming Carifta Games trials in Trinidad.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMME RESUMES IN MORIAH ON MONDAY

From next Monday, Tobagonians will be updated on issues affecting the island, especially where it concerns the country’s current economic woes.

The Tobago House of Assembly (THA) will resume its Community Outreach Programme on Monday (February

15, 2016) at the Moriah Community Centre, beginning at 6.30 p.m.

It’s the first of a series of public meetings, which kick off in the electoral district of Moriah/Mason Hall/Providence.

Meetings will continue in communities throughout the island.