CALYPSO ON CHURCH AVENUE 2012

The Sesame Flyers New York Calypso Tent opens its doors once more. Veteran Calypsonians Poser, a former Road March King; Singing Francine, a former Calypso Queen of Trinidad & Tobago, Tunapuna Scanty, a former New York Calypso King and comedienne Brown Boy were on hand.

Celebrating our tenth year, we at SFI can now boast of our own New York Calypso Veterans such as Monarch, Mervyn Carter aka Dr. Witty, Nolan ‘Poison Dart’ Daniel, Lloyd “Cupie” Cupido, Irving “Mr. Lonesome”, Joan “Lady Tantalizer” St John, Antonio Gonzales aka Lord Kent, representing the island of Antigua, and many others when the tent launched on Friday, July 9, 2012.

Brooklyn is known as the Carnival Mecca of North America, and at present our Sesame Calypso Tent is the only authentic Calypso Tent in the State of New York. We continue to provide a forum for many expatriates whose desire it is to uphold the culture of Calypso.

Calypsonians of today continue the tradition of storytelling in many forms that includes comedy, politics, social media, heckling/teasing each other in a friendly manner. The creative writings of the participants, the talents of putting music to these writing are amazing.

Of course, words cannot describe the antics of internationally acclaimed actresses and comedienes Susan Olton Kennedy aka Alize Hennessy and Christine Andrews aka Remy Red. Their wits, originality and creativity certain give life to the phrase “laff till yuh belly buss”

This season, there were eight weeks of calypso that finished spectacularly with our annual sixth SFI NY ANNUAL CALYPSO MONARCH competition.

The top five winners were:

Mervyn Carter-Dr. Witty (who pulled off a hat trick- this is his third win)
Gene Toney
Anthonyson Gonsalves- Lord Kent
Joan St John- Lady Tantalizer
Lloyd Cupido- Cupie
Summer 2012 has ended, and so too, Calypso on Church Avenue in Brooklyn, New York. As we close our doors to end this season, we must say thank you to Dave Gayle of Tropical Paradise Catering Hall, for his support which enabled us to “step out” into a bigger arena for our final night. Thanks to all of the Calypsonians, who dared to grace our stage, thanks to you our patrons, because without you, we could not survive ten years. Thanks to our non-member volunteers, members and our administrative staff for the continued support over the years. Last but not least thanks to our Chairman, Mr. Raymond Luke, who continues to have the confidence in my ability to be producer of this Sesame Flyers Calypso Tent.

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