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## An Excellent Carifesta XIII

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Carifesta XIII has come and gone, but has left a memorable experience on the contingent of St. Kitts and Nevis. With over two-dozen people from St. Kitts and Nevis going to enjoy the prestigious celebrations.

Some of the contingent that represented the nation was 2016 Ccalypso Monarch, King Craig, and his son the junior Ccalypso Monarch King T'Quan, Kore Band, Poinciana Theatre Productions, Valon Masquerade, and the National Youth Drum Corps just to name a few.

Caribbean Festival of Arts, commonly known as **CARIFESTA**, is an international multicultural event organized on a periodic basis by the countries of the Caribbean. The main purpose is to gather artists, musicians, authors, and to exhibit the folkloric and artistic manifestations of the Caribbean. The first Caribbean Festival of Arts took place in 1972. The event was organized by Guyana's then President



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Forbes Burnham, based on a similar event that took place in Puerto Rico in 1952. He held a number of conferences with Caribbean artists and writers that eventually led to the first Carifesta.

Since then the event has grown into a prestigious festival where Caribbean artists of every kind can display their talents. The event showcased the intangible and tangible cultures of the Caribbean cementing the fact that we are all connected as a people.



St. Kitts was well represented at the event and most of those who attended have indicated that they are already planning to attend Carifesta in Trinidad 2019.

A representative of the St. Kitts Culture Department said that the event could be easily summarized into one word. "Excellent".