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Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts offers Condolences on the Passing of ‘The Mighty Bomber’ and ‘Kenny J’

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts offers its deepest condolences on the passing of Mr. Clifton Ryan better known as ‘The Mighty Bomber’ and Mr. Kenwick ‘Kenny J’ Joseph.

The Mighty Bomber’s career started in 1940 at the age of 12 and in 1957 he entered Radio Trinidad’s Calypso Competition which he won. He also won the Calypso Monarch competition in 1964, represented Trinidad and Tobago in the Commonwealth Festival of the Arts in England in 1965 and in 2003 at the age of 75, he made the Calypso Monarch Finals.

Senator the Honourable Randall Mitchell, Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts says, “The Mighty Bomber was a composer extraordinaire, living legend and cultural icon who influenced many a younger calypsonian through his mentorship, willingness to compose for others and teach the calypso art form.”

Meanwhile, the Ministry continues to reflect on the recent passing of our cultural greats. Before the end of 2021, there was the loss of Anthony “Tony” Williams Hon. Dr, who influenced the development of the steel pan and now we have lost Mr. Kenwick ‘Kenny J’ Joseph whose passing has left a void in the calypso and parang soca genres.

On the passing of ‘Kenny J’ Minister Mitchell says, “His sweet voice, witty parang soca renditions and his ability to captivate any audience, made Kenny J a performer par excellence and a cultural icon. He will be especially missed at Christmas time when he brought his signature flavor to the season, making the Christmas festival one that was unmistakably Trinidad and Tobago.”

As we look back on 2021, we cannot help but reflect on our entertainers and icons who we’ve lost over the past year. Their contributions to the creative sector has left an indelible mark on those who must continue to follow in their footsteps and hold on to their rich legacy.

To the families, friends and loved ones of The Mighty Bomber, Mr. Anthony 'Tony' Williams and 'Kenny J', the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts extends its deepest condolences.

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