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Minister Mitchell pays tribute to Clive ‘Zanda’ Alexander

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts joins the national community in mourning the loss of extempo/kaiso/jazz music pioneer, Clive “Zanda” Alexander. He was born in Siparia into a musical family and is the brother of Carlton Alexander, arranger for Desperados Steel Orchestra.

Clive ‘Zanda’ Alexander was a self-taught musician who started making music at the age of 10 and is widely regarded as the creator of the fusion of folk, jazz and calypso music. It was while studying architecture in England, he had his first experience with live Jazz music and later established his band which fused kaiso (calypso) and jazz music in their renditions.

He was a master of musical improvisation and performed at major Jazz events at home and across the Caribbean region and influenced many up and coming jazz artists.

In his tribute, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, Senator the Honourable Randall Mitchell said, “Clive ‘Zanda’ Alexander has made an outstanding contribution to the kaiso jazz genre and he leaves us with a rich musical legacy. We are certainly grateful for his contribution to culture and the arts and his creativity will be missed.”

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts extends its deepest condolences to his family and loved ones, his jazz family and the rest of the musical fraternity. May he rest in peace.

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