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Minister Mitchell offers Condolences on the Passing of Narrie Approo

Senator the Honourable Randall Mitchell, Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts is once again offering his condolences to the cultural fraternity on the passing of Narrie Approo.

This veteran masquerader and craftsman performed traditional Carnival characters such as the Sailor, Fireman, Midnight Robber and Imp. Where Approo's talent was on full display was with his visually striking presentations of Black Indians. His creations were well known for their intricate designs and artistry.

San Fernando born Approo moved to John John, East Port of Spain at the age of five and by 1934 he had played his first small devil. During this time he would encounter his first Black Indian mas and was also introduced into the Warriors of Huaracan.

Approo also played the tenor pan in then Cross of Lorraine, which is now known as Massy All Stars.

Minister Mitchell says, "Another icon has left us but his legacy will live on. Narrie Approo will be remembered for his skill in wire bending and beading and his ability to make elaborately designed costumes which thrilled onlookers during Carnival. This type of artistry and flair will certainly be missed."

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts commiserates with the family, friends and loved ones of Narrie Approo during this time.

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