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MINISTRY MOURNS THE PASSING OF FORMER PAN TRINBAGO PRESIDENT
PATRICK ARNOLD

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts joins the cultural community in mourning the loss of a great leader, visionary, cultural ambassador and local icon, Patrick Arnold, who has passed away at age 84. The Ministry is deeply saddened by the loss of this great leader who served as a former Pan Trinbago President for many years.

Patrick Arnold was a stalwart in the Steelpan movement and a valiant contributor to the Tobago Steelband community. He was the founder and manager of the Conventional Steelband, *Our Boys*, and served as President of Pan Trinbago from 1996 to 2009. Arnold contributed significantly to developing and promoting the Steelpan art form both locally and internationally. Arnold's contributions to Trinidad and Tobago's culture also extended to our Carnival landscape, having served as Chairman of the National Carnival Commission (NCC) during his career.

The Ministry recognizes Arnold's significant impact on the Steelpan community and the broader cultural fabric of Trinidad and Tobago. His legacy will continue to inspire future musicians and cultural practitioners. The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts expresses sincere condolences to Arnold's family, friends, and colleagues. His contributions will always be remembered and celebrated.

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