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Minister Mitchell offers Condolences on the Passing of Cultural Ambassador Norvan Fullerton

Senator the Honourable Randall Mitchell, Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts is saddened by the passing of cultural ambassador and stalwart, Mr. Norvan Fullerton.

Mr. Fullerton has always had a profound love for the creative and performing arts, having immersed himself in the sector as a performer, producer, director, stage manager, playwright and more. His love for performing in his early years inspired him to establish his own company in 1979 – the Malick Folk Performing Company – which has dominated the Prime Minister's Best Village Trophy Competition for 13 years and counting, and has toured extensively, representing Trinidad and Tobago at various cultural festivals abroad.

"Fuller", as he is fondly known, has served as Chairman of the National Drama Association of Trinidad and Tobago (NDATT); a Member on the Board of Queen's Hall; a Member on the National Academy for the Performing Arts (NAPA) Management Committee; Programme Manager of the Prime Minister's Best Village Trophy Competition for several years; and a Member of the Sports and Culture Fund during his tenure within the sector.

He has also produced and directed works for various cultural state agencies including the National Carnival Commission (NCC), the Trinbago Unified Calypsonians' Organisation (TUCO), the National Carnival Bands Association (NCBA), Pan Trinbago, the Downtown Carnival Committee, and the Tobago Heritage Festival. His meritorious contributions to community service and culture in Trinidad and Tobago were recognized nationally in 2003 when he was awarded the Chaconia Medal Silver.

In paying his respects, Minister Mitchell said, "Mr. Fullerton was a Cultural Legend with immense passion and commitment to the creative arts and cultural development. His valiant contributions to our local cultural and creative sectors, along with his regional and international impact, are unprecedented. He will certainly be missed."

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts extends sincere condolences to the family, friends and loved ones of Mr. Norvan Fullerton, as well as the cultural fraternity, during this difficult time.

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