

Hasely Crawford exhibition at UWI

July 2017 marks 41 years since Hasely Crawford won T&T's first Olympic gold medal. An exhibition featuring highlights from Crawford's early years, his athletic career, his work with NGC and his community outreach initiatives is now on at UWI, and will last for three weeks. Memorabilia and artwork from Crawford's own collection will be on display as well.

The exhibition is the result of a partnership between the University of the West Indies, St Augustine and The National Gas Company.

Crawford remains one of the country's major national icons, however the full details of his Olympic triumph and his many accomplishments remain unknown to the majority of the national community. This exhibition serves to bridge that gap, says a UWI release.

The living legend himself, Hasely Crawford, will be at the exhibition this Wednesday (on July 26) from 10am to noon, and this Friday (July 28) from 10am to noon at the Alma Jordan Library, Undergraduate Reading Room. All are invited.

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In 1976, while competing in the Montreal Olympic Games, Hasely Crawford won the Gold medal in the 100 meter sprint, the first Gold medal won by an athlete from T&T.

gold medal in the men's 100-metre race at the Montreal Olympics. It was T&T's first Olympic gold medal, and he remained T&T's lone Olympic gold medallist for 36 years.

Hasely Crawford was born on

August 16, 1950, in San Fernando. In the schoolyard at San Fernando Boys' Government School and in his neighbourhood, he discovered his gift for running, beating all challengers.

He went on to study at the ASJA Boys' College and then the San Fernando Technical Institute, where he earned the qualifications to be accepted as a special apprentice by the Texaco Oil Company.

Throughout these years, his running career gained momentum. In 1970, he placed fifth at the Central American and Caribbean Games, and third at the Commonwealth Games. His talent soon earned him an athletics scholarship to Eastern Michigan University in the USA.

As Head of Community Relations at the National Gas Company of T&T Limited (NGC), Crawford has been tireless in supporting several national sporting, training and cultural programmes. He was instrumental in the conceptualisation of NGC's Right on Track Programme, used to teach the fundamentals of track and field to young people. This programme was later introduced to Grenada, St Vincent, St Lucia and Dominica.

Free events this month

The following free events are presented by the The Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts in collaboration with various partners.

Creativity Moves Us Kids Gallery. Activities include interactive motion sensor games, human body puzzle, art and craft, rock wall, gear and pipe wall, and much more.

Venue: National Museum and Art Gallery, Frederick Street, Port-of-Spain

Time: From now to Saturday, September 2. Days are: Tuesdays to Saturdays—10 am to 6 pm

More info: 623-0339

Pan on a Higher Note—Beyond Boundaries. Featuring the National Steel Symphony Orchestra of T&T (celebrating their 10th anniversary). Guest performers: Devon Stewart; National Philharmonic Orchestra; Kris-

son Joseph; Shannon Ashleigh Navarro; Mark Brewster and Belmont Freetown Cultural Arts & Folk Performing Company.

Venue: NAPA, Port-of-Spain

Time: Saturday, July 29, 7.30pm—9.30pm, and Sunday, July 30, 6.00 pm—9 pm

More info: Admission is free. Tickets are available from the NAPA Box Office from Monday, July 24 from 11 am to 6 pm. For more information, call 271-2894

St George East Community Festival. Activities: Sporting competitions, cultural showcase, cuisine corner, community artifacts and craft display, children's entertainment, community tours, farmers' market.

Venue: Talparo Community Centre and Recreation Grounds, Todd's Station Road, Talparo

Time: Sunday, August 6, from 11 am—6 pm

More info: 662-4241