

First Citizens assures support for corporate calypso monarch

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“It is almost in the DNA of First Citizens Bank to support events such as this,” said Dexter Charles, the bank’s Group Corporate Communications Department manager at the presentation of prizes to winners of the 2012 Corporate Calypso Monarch Competition at the National Library, Port-of-Spain, on Thursday evening.

“I am proud to represent (with all due respect to my competitors) the only truly local bank in Trinidad and Tobago,” he said. “And with that in mind, we were again privileged to be a key supporter of this event – one that contributes positively to the development and preservation of local culture.”

Charles said recognition must be paid to the Vintage Kaiso Brigade, producer of the competition, for its unrelenting commitment and dedication to ensuring that the competition was established.

“In doing so, tribute must be paid to Andrew Marciano (Lord Superior), Mervyn Telfer and their team, for their vision and passion to ensure that what was an idea turned into reality,” he said, adding that Marciano and Telfer

epitomised his personal mantra that says: “Whatever you vividly imagine, ardently desire, sincerely believe and enthusiastically act upon will come to pass.”

The 16 participating contestants who the 2012 in-house calypso contests held at Eastern Credit Union were NLCB, Atlantic LNG, Rhand Credit Union, WASA, MTS, TTEC, Angostura Limited, TSIT, Port-of-Spain City Corporation, Ministry of Works and Infrastructure, Ministry of The Arts and Multiculturalism, Central Bank, AMCHAM, and Queen’s Park Cricket Club.

Showcasing their winning selections, backed by the musical aggregation Reflections, were first place winner Fritz Taylor of Eastern Credit Union – Gone Where The Money Is; Kev Vaughn Medine of NLCB – Day By Day; and Levy Dick of Atlantic LNG – Nation Builders.

Calypso competitions in the corporate sector have grown over the years. Early producers of these events include the T&T Guardian, Harvard Sports Club, Royal Bank, Petrotrin, TATL, Queen’s Park Cricket Club, Republic Bank, WASA, and Carib Brewery. The contests have spawned some of today’s popular bards, inclusive of David Bereaux, Hollis Wright, Dirty Curty, Ninja, Royal Benji, Doppy and others.



First Citizens manager of group corporate communications Dexter Charles, left, presents a replica of the winning cheque for the 2012 Corporate Calypso Monarch to Fritz Taylor from Eastern Credit Union, centre, while veteran calypsonian Andrew “Lord Superior” Marciano joins in the celebration at the prize-giving ceremony on Thursday evening. PHOTO: ANDY HYPOLITE