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# Trini pannist plays at the White House

**L**AST WEEK, when US President Bill Clinton celebrated his birthday with a party at the White House, he asked his favourite band to provide the entertainment.

Trinidadian pannist Robbie Greenidge, who plays with the Jimmy Buffet Band said, "It was really nice, we had a good time doing it."

This was not the band's first White House gig: they also played at Clinton's inauguration ball back in 1992. On that occasion the President got on his saxophone and played along with the band.

They played again two years ago at another Clinton birthday celebration.

"This year, his last time in office, he was very happy that we did play for another birthday of his. All the staff workers were there and a full security presence. No press was there,

only the White House people were covering it, so it was nice," Greenidge said and added, "He had a huge cake, tasted good too, and a good send off to his vacation in Africa."

The Buffet band played four of the President's favourite selections and, according to Greenidge, "We played some songs that had some meaning to it like, We are the people our parents warned us about, Gypsies in the palace, like having fun in the White House, also another one called Lovely Cruise, and the last one, his real favourite which is also a big hit for Jimmy called Margaritaville.

"Those were the songs we played and he enjoyed all of them. He did not play any instrument this time though, he just listened and shook hands with us," Greenidge said.



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