

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES 38th INDEPENDENCE GALA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017

Woodbine Banquet and Convention Centre



**THE ST. VINCENT AND GRENADINES ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO INC.
IN COLLABORATION WITH: BEQUIA SOCIAL ORGANIZATION • TORONTO SVG SUPPORT GROUP
UNION ISLAND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION**



Caribbean Airlines

the warmth of the islands

Programme

Cocktails

Master of Ceremonies - Mr. Shomari Garraway

Seating and Recognition of Head Table

Anthems - by Kimya Hippolite

National Anthem of Canada

National Anthem of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Prayer

Mr. Henry Stephens

Dinner

Special Entertainment

Performance by Kimya Hippolite

Remarks

Mr. Gideon Exeter – President, St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc

Greetings

Mr. Fitzgerald Huggins - Consul General, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Feature Address

Ms. Taisha Lewis

Recognition of Consul General's Awardees

Recognition of St Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Awardees

Vote of Thanks - by Sandra Bobb

Entertainment - by Yellow

Raffle - Will be drawn during Dance

Dance to the sounds of Tropiks Band and D.J. Fusion

National Anthems



*O Canada! Our home and native land
True patriot love in all thy sons command
With glowing hearts we see thee rise
The true north strong and free
From far and wide, O Canada
We stand on guard for thee
God keep our land glorious and free
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee!*



*St. Vincent Land so beautiful
With joyful hearts we pledge to thee
Our loyalty and love and vow
To keep you ever free.*

*Whate'er the future brings
Our faith will see us through.
May peace reign from shore to shore
And God bless and keep us true.*

*Hairoun! Our fair and blessed Isle
Your mountains high, so clear and green;
Are home to me though I may stray;
A haven calm serene.*

*Our little sister islands are
Those gems the lovely Grenadines,
Upon their seas and golden sands
The sunshine ever beams.*



Our Guest Speaker

Ms Taisha Lewis

Ms. Taisha Lewis is a lawyer in the Corporate, Commercial and Securities Group at LaBarge Weinstein LLP in Ottawa, where her practice focuses mainly on financing matters and mergers and acquisitions in the technology sector. Prior to starting her practice, Taisha obtained her Juris Doctorate from the University of Ottawa where she was awarded the Vern Krishna Scholarship and the Students Federation of the University of Ottawa Educational Foundation Scholarship. During law school, Taisha enjoyed volunteering with the Women's Legal Mentorship Program and acting as Chair of the Black Law Students' Association of Canada. Before her legal studies, Ms. Lewis graduated summa cum laude from McMaster University, with an Honours Arts & Science degree and a minor in French.

Giving back to her community has always been important to her, and over the years Taisha has contributed to a number of causes, including the Sickle Cell Association of Ontario, Habitat for Humanity, Junior Achievers and the St. Vincent and the Grenadines associations in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal. Ms. Lewis is also a member of the Canadian Bar Association, the Ontario Bar Association (OBA) and the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers, and sits on the executive committees of the OBA's Young Lawyers Division East, the Business Law Section and the Equality Committee. A proud past recipient of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Scholarship Program, Taisha hopes to continue paying it forward within her community for many years to come.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines' National Pledge

***Land of my birth I pledge to thee
My loyalty and devotion, In all I do
and think and say.***

Menu

Cocktails

Cocktail Samosa, Fish Pakora

Spring Rolls, Chicken Fingers

Wine

Soup

Cream of Asparagus

Salad

Garden Salad (Combination of Romaine, Boston bib, endive & radicchio blended with julienne bell peppers, cucumbers & tomatoes complete in a roasted red pepper vinaigrette dressing)

Main Course

Chicken Florentine

(Chicken Breast stuffed with Spinach and Ricotta Cheese and baked to perfection)

Grilled Fresh Salmon - Pink Salmon served with a White Wine Dill Sauce

Seasoned Roasted Potatoes and Vegetable Medley with Asparagus

Dessert

Pastries

Raspberry Mirror Gateaux (Raspberry Mousse between layers of White Cake served with Fresh Berries)

Fresh Fruit Salad

Coffee, Tea, Espresso



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**MESSAGE FROM DR. THE HONOURABLE RALPH E. GONSALVES, PRIME MINISTER,
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES TO MARK THE THIRTY-EIGHTH (38TH) ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE**

As we prepare to celebrate the thirty-eighth (38th) anniversary of our Nation's independence, I am pleased to extend greetings and congratulations to all Vincentians, whether resident within the borders of our multi-island State or in the Diaspora.

It is evident that we have much to celebrate, despite challenges. Almighty God has spared us the ravages of hurricanes and storms and made it possible for us to come to the assistance of our neighbours who have been affected by recent catastrophic weather events. We pledge to support in any way possible, and continue to pray for their safe-keeping and rapid recovery from the devastating losses occasioned by these severe weather events which serve as stark reminders of our vulnerability as Small Island Developing States whose developmental gains can be reversed or obliterated by a single natural disaster.

We must be ever grateful to God for His faithfulness towards us and for His mercies which are made new each day. We must do so by celebrating this anniversary of our Nation's Independence with a special sense of gratitude and humility, and by acknowledging the achievements which have been made possible only through His grace.

Among our most notable successes are the accomplishments our young people who continue to shine and to make us proud. Their achievements in areas such as academics, sports and culture are deserving of special mention. They are demonstrated in the results recorded in this year's sitting of the regional examinations at the various levels. Among these, the historic feat of the top performers at the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE), three (3) of whom tied for first place and for the Prime Minister's Award, is worthy of special mention.

We remain firmly committed to sourcing, creating and providing opportunities for all our citizens, including our young people, to achieve their full potential and to excel. We are also committed to the goal of engaging all citizens in the conceptualisation, articulation and implementation of this country's development agenda.

Our people-centred post-independence narrative encapsulates the concrete and tangible, and the metaphorical and symbolic. It is reflected in, among many other things, the emphasis placed on programmes aimed at the advancement of all nationals and, also, on the execution of projects of great value and significance which express our national pride and identity.

The Argyle International Airport is one such project, the completion of which is representative of the will and tenacity of our people in the face of great odds, including the prevailing global economic conditions during the entire period of construction.

Improved air access opens up new and exciting possibilities in the areas of transportation, tourism and trade, and our citizenry is keenly attuned to this fact. In essence, the international airport symbolises the value we place on our unique culture and heritage and, equally, on our connections to the rest of the world and the opportunities to participate actively and on an equal footing with our regional and international partners.

As we celebrate and continue to chart the course of our development, let us be wise in the conduct and management of our affairs, wary of any attempt to distract and divide us, and united in our efforts to improve conditions for ourselves, our loved ones and our fellow nationals. Let us, too, stand firm in our on-going fight against those who have chosen crime as a way of life.

In the words of our National Anthem, I pray that Almighty God will "bless and keep us true."

Happy Independence!



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38th Independence Message from Consul General Huggins

On behalf of the Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines, Staff of the Consulate General of St Vincent and the Grenadines and my family, I extend warmest greetings and congratulations of the All Vincentians on the celebration of our 38th Independence anniversary.

As we celebrate this year's Independence, let us pray for our brothers and sisters in the islands who have suffered the ravages of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose, Katia, Lee, Maria, Nate and Ophelia. Bearing in mind that that list could be extended since we are still at the peak of the hurricane season, let us pray that no more disasters affect us and for the season to pass without any further damages to the slender economies in the Caribbean

Last Independence my message to you focused on the impact of Climate Change on our economy. Over the last six years or so, we have seen many disasters which have impacted our islands. Most recently we have seen hurricanes and earthquakes, the magnitude of which we have never seen in history, causing damages to non-traditional destinations like UK and Ireland amounting to billions of dollars. In the case of Barbuda and Dominica, their economies were totally wiped out.

In St Vincent and the Grenadines, tourism and agriculture contribute significantly to our economy. Our beautiful beaches in the Grenadines and tourism facilities in low line areas are under serious threats from high sea level rises. Our root crops and tree crops are also threatened by landslides and high winds. Our homes and roads infrastructure will have to be built stronger with new building codes. It means, therefore, that if we don't put in place some adaptive measures to respond to climate change, these impacts will continue to erode the gains that we have made in tourism over the past thirty-eight (38) years of Independence.

On reflection over the 38 years since Independence, our country's national status has improved exponentially. Vincentians at home and abroad are extremely proud to fly our national flag and wear our national colours. Our foreign policy remains very strong as we continue to widen our friendships with no-traditional friends. We are friends of all and enemies of none. St Vincent and the Grenadines has become one of the most recognisable and respected nation in the hemisphere and we should be proud of that fact.

With the theme for this that says "Working TOGETHER to enhance national pride", we have to recognise the contributions from our diaspora community to the continued development and enhancement to our nation. Indeed, it is that PRIDE for country that is driving that attitude.

Exciting times are ahead of us since we started the operations at the Argyle International Airport on February 14, 2017. We are seeing results of the Education Revolution, expansion of our tourism plant through Foreign Direct Investments, the diversification of the Agricultural sector, the modernization of the Health sector and care for the poor and vulnerable.

I challenge ALL our group leaders to lead by example and unite your communities and groups. Let's work together to inspire and educate our people so that we can achieve that goal of transforming our people to enhance national pride.

At the Consulate, we continue to work with the community to improve our customer service delivery to serve you professionally.

I want to convey congratulations and best wishes to the SVGTA on another successful year of community work.

Happy 38th Independence anniversary!!!

Sincerely
Consul General of St Vincent and the Grenadines (Toronto)
Fitzgerald Huggins

Message from the President

The St. Vincent And Grenadines Association Of Toronto Inc.



Greetings and Congratulations Everyone on this our 38th Anniversary of Independence!

Celebrating Our Achievements.

Throughout the 38 years since St. Vincent and the Grenadines became independent there have been many achievements to celebrate in spite of the challenges we faced. One of the many accomplishments the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines celebrate is the new Argyle International Airport. The airport is not only a conduit for us to enjoy the convenience of direct flights home but also to expand the tourism industry which would assist to lift our economy and hence provide a higher standard of living for our people. Another accomplishment that nationals of SVG has to celebrate is the fact that more of our young people are now taking advantage of the educational opportunities available to better their lives and benefit the country on a whole. We are also proud that we have the continuation of a stable government.

Next year, the St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto (SV-GAT) will celebrate 50 years of serving the Toronto SVG community. Since its founding in December 1968, the Association is proud of the programs and assistance it has provided for the well-being of others. For example, this is the 9th year since we launched the Adopt-a-Child Program to assist school children in SVG and 12 years since we started the Scholarship Program to assist young persons within our community with financial support for their post-secondary education. Some of those students who benefited from the bursaries are now professionals in their chosen fields and we are happy to have some of them here with us tonight and participating throughout our celebrations. We have also contributed to several causes to assist the less privileged.

Community organizations, like the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto, require more individual involvement and volunteering to help keep those organizations alive, meaningful and productive. I appeal to you all to become involved. Helping the Association helps others. Today, we celebrate the contribution made to the organization

and the SVG community by Mr. Glendon Carmichael by naming him as an Honorary Life Member of the Association. Thanks Glendon for your contribution and support.

As SVG nationals, we celebrate the 38th Anniversary of our Independence. The people of Antigua & Barbuda and of the Commonwealth of Dominica are also celebrating their respective country's independence anniversaries amidst the turmoil and devastation caused by the recent hurricanes. In fact, as we are all aware, the Caribbean region has suffered greatly by the hurricanes but the Commonwealth of Dominica and Barbuda have experienced such unprecedented damage that, we are told, it will take many years for those two countries to reestablish themselves to the level or standard that they were at prior to the hurricanes.

We live in a world of increasing climatic change: hurricanes, floods, mud slides, earthquakes; the list goes on. It is in these conditions that some of our brothers and sisters are suffering through circumstances and challenges of unimaginable horror. These are "Our People" and it is my hope that those who are in a position to contribute in one way or another will give generously so that those affected can soon get back on their feet, enjoy life and grow once more into strong and beautiful countries. Let us not forget we are our brothers' keepers and we do not know what tomorrow holds for us.

I welcome all members of the various other organizations who have joined us in these celebrations and wish them all the best in continuing to pursue their goals and objectives to serve their respective communities.

My sincere thanks to all members of the board, the organization and the community at large who have assisted in what we have been able to achieve this year so far.

Happy Independence Anniversary to all! Enjoy the evening.

Gideon Exeter

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Celebrating Our Achievements

The St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. 2017 Honourees

Mahatma Ghandi once said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others". This year, The St. Vincent and Grenadines Association honours Mr. Glendon Carmichael by bestowing on him the title of Honorary Life Member of the Association. This honour is for Mr. Carmichael's years of tireless service to the Toronto SVG Community and to the Association. The Association also bestows a Special Recognition on Mr. Randy Dopwell for his achievements in his professional career as a broadcaster and for his contribution to the culture of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Honorary Life Member: Glendon Carmichael

Occasionally our organization shows our appreciation for the contribution of our members by granting the special title of Honorary Life Member. This year long serving member, Glendon Carmichael has been nominated for this honour in accordance with the requisite articles of the constitution of the association.

As a professional, Glendon has always been an encouragement and a mentor to many students and members of our community. He has done us proud as a diligent and committed college instructor.

As an ardent cricketer, Glendon played many years in the Toronto cricket league but later turned his attention to serving the cricket team associated with our association. Again he stood out not only as a superb player, but as a great leader and mentor. He has always been and still is one to whom elected officials of The St Vincent And The Grenadines Sports Club turn for guidance and advice.

As a long standing member of the association Glendon has always been a formidable debater and a firm defender of right against wrong. He has always conducted himself passionately and with dignity. As such he always commanded the attention of our membership.

Glendon Carmichael has never been reluctant to take up a challenge and has served the association in various capacities. He has been in the forefront of visits to the sick and the elderly. He has served on a variety of committees including the Education and Cultural Committee, the Publicity Committee and the Constitution Committee among others. Glendon is a staunch supporter of the scholarship program and has served on this important project from time to time. Importantly also, he has taken up the mantle of President and Public Relations Officer of the association.

In light of these attributes and the myriad of others which the records of the association reflect, The Board of Directors is pleased and very proud to confer the status of Honorary Life Member on Mr Glendon Carmichael. We therefore invite our membership and supporters to extend a warm welcome to him into this valiant group of association stalwarts.

An honorary life member shall be a person who by his or her effort contributed directly or indirectly to the progress of the Association.

An honorary life member shall be entitled to vote and hold office.

Special Recognition: Randy Dopwell

Most Vincentians both in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and in the North American diaspora has been listening to the voice of Ferrand, Courtney Lawrence Dopwell for over 30 years. Known mainly as Randy "D", Randy has been bringing Vincentians, news, opinions, commentaries and interviews on topics of interest to SVG nationals throughout St. Vincent and the Grenadines as well as throughout North America.

A graduate of the Radio and Broadcasting Program at Humber College, here in Canada, Randy however, also attended the New York Business School. His early education was shaped by the St. Vincent Grammar School and the Kingstown Preparatory School.

Randy began his career in broadcasting in 1985 when he landed his first job in broadcasting at the National Broadcasting Corporation in SVG. From there he climbed the ladder of success by holding positions in United States first at WTEL 680 AM in Philadelphia and then at WNJR 1430 AM in New Jersey. Randy returned to SVG in 1997 and took up a position at HITZ FM SVG. It was not long before Randy returned to the US and this time, landed in New York where he broadcasted at WWRL Radio Station.

It was in 2001, however, when he became a voice at Nice Radio in SVG that Randy would cement his career as a broadcaster who would stir the emotions of Vincentians at home and abroad with his provocative and in-depth commentaries and interviews.

Although Randy is most known as a Radio Broadcaster, his career also took him into the world of television where he produced and hosted Vibes Caribbean. His shows were aired on SVG Television and on cable networks both in Canada and in the US.

Not only has Randy devoted himself to a Broadcasting career, he was also very much involved in the arts in the SVG community. He produced and hosted a cultural show known as Snap Soul, managed the music band, X-ADUS, chaired pre-carnival shows and involved himself in the Sion Hill soccer club.

Today, Randy continues to keep the conversations going by continuing to be a voice at Nice Radio as well as hosting and producing his TV show, Vibes Caribbean.

The St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto, Inc. congratulates Mr. Dopwell on achieving great success in his career and thanks him for his contribution to Vincentians everywhere through his varied broadcasts and for his contribution to SVG culture and sports.

Immigration Matters

CELEBRATING OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Contributed by: Sandra Sutherland, RCIC

I am an authorized immigration practitioner, and as such, I represent clients from many countries and all walks of life. I am committed to my clients in diligently preparing their cases, many of which are quite complex, and monitoring them as they progress through the immigration process. When a client sign a retainer agreement a partnership is formed. This special partnership strengthens as we go through the immigration process. When a case gets approved this is a major achievement for the client and for myself and thus cause for celebration.

My relationship with my clients carries over well after they have garnered success. Many clients maintain contact with me and share their stories as well as those of their family members'. I am informed of pregnancies, births, educational, employment, and other achievements. There is even more elation when they achieve their long aspired career goals. Those who have been living in Canada for many years without status and finally obtain their permanent resident status are eager to return home to visit family whom they could not have visited while here without their "papers." There should be no yardstick to measure achievements. Each achievement is uniquely special and ought to be celebrated.

When my clients, especially those who rose from living as undocumented immigrants, achieve permanent resident status and progress onwards towards citizenship I am elated. I may not physically celebrate with everyone but my elation counts as celebration. Do you know someone who achieved a special goal, acquired a better job or earnings, gave birth to a healthy baby, graduated high school or post secondary education, gave their life to Christ, or acquired spiritual growth? Celebrate them and celebrate with them. No matter the nature or caliber of an achievement, it provides cause for celebration. The opening and continued operations of the Argyle International Airport is a huge achievement for our nation, let's celebrate that. As we celebrate St. Vincent and the Grenadines 38th year of independence, let's reflect on our own achievements and celebrate those as well, giving GOD thanks in the process.

**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE
to all nationals of
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES!**

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The Toronto SVG Support
Group congratulates
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
on their 38th Anniversary of
Independence




Union Island Cultural Association of Toronto (UICA)

On behalf of the Union Island Cultural Association
of Toronto (UICA),
the Executive and its Members extend hearty
congratulations to the St. Vincent and Grenadines
Association of Toronto (SVGAT) on this their
38th Anniversary of Independence Celebrations.
Continuing to maintain a presence – and especially
a noticeable one – garners much dedication
from the Leadership and members.
We (UICA) appreciate that effort and would always strive
to help you (SVGAT) reach your goals and objectives.



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7:15 am Square One - (in front of Tim Hortons)
*** Please be on time, the sooner we are loaded the sooner we can leave***

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MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL OF CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATIONS – CANADA

On behalf of the Board of Directors and affiliated member organizations of the Council of Caribbean Associations – Canada (CCAC), I extend sincere congratulations to the Government and People of St. Vincent and the Grenadines on your 38th Independence Anniversary.

As you celebrate this milestone, it is an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of your nation.

We applaud the contributions the St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto continue to make in Canada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines by contributing in various fields of endeavor and providing opportunities to mold future leaders who will contribute to the development of your country.

Let us remember our brothers and sisters in the Caribbean who have suffered unprecedented damages, loss of lives, property and infrastructure from the devastation of hurricane Irma and Maria. Let's stand in solidarity with them and pledge our support.

I wish you all and the people of your country continued success, prosperity and peace.

May the morning sun bring hope to your nation as you celebrate your Independence!

Respectfully,

Ingrid King
Secretary

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Mark Farrell

'Artist in Residence' at the SVG Independence Gala.



Many of you would have noticed the artworks on display at this year's Independence Gala. These pieces of art are the products of Mark Farrell's artistic mind, a Vincentian national who, at 19 years old suffered a spinal injury and faced many unknown challenges adapting to new lifestyle. He met these challenges head on and at age 33 enrolled in a 3-year Graphic Design course. At some point, Mark realized that what he wanted to do was create art, an activity he excelled in as a child.

Mark had never worked on canvas but that did not deter him as he headed out to the art supplies stores to try and figure

out the medium in which he wanted to work. He decided to work with glitter and glue, a medium that he'd never seen used by an artist. To date, Mark has created over 45 works of art, some of which were commissioned from individuals who fell in love with his work. Last February, Mark successfully launched his own business, "Touch of Gold Creative Designs" at RBC's Black History Month. Mark dreams of opening his own gallery and workshop one day to inspire at risk youths.

Our Appreciation

The Independence Planning Committee, on behalf of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc., the Bequia Social Organization, the Toronto SVG Support Group and the Union Island Cultural Association, express sincere thanks to all our sponsors and advertisers in this brochure, all the artistes for donating their time and talent and all those who in one way or another assisted in making these celebrations a success. Finally, we thank you all for attending all of our events. We trust that as we look towards the future, we do so with optimism, togetherness and hope.

Members of the Independence Planning Committee, 2017 Independence Anniversary Celebrations:

***Sandra Bobb, Chairperson • Dennis Bucchan • June Ellis • Gideon Exeter
Consul General Fitzgerald Huggins • Cheyenne Samuel • Sandra Sutherland • Frank Wilson***

THE ENTERTAINERS



Formed in 2003, the Tropiks Band has been blazing a trail when it comes to live performances. With so many talented, motivated, aspiring and dedicated musicians, the band has made a name that resonates in the minds of its followers.

Tropiks has been performing for various acts such as Winston Soso, Becket, Poorsah, just to mention a few artists. The Band also had high energy performances in Montreal, Ottawa, Thousand Island and various places in Ontario.

High energy performance is the main characteristic of Tropiks. As a team, the band's crew creates a musical wave that will keep you dancing all night long.

Tropiks' main focus is soca. However, they play different genres. The band plays a variety of old and new music which caters for all music lovers.

This year is a milestone year for Tropiks as they celebrate and play for the St. Vincent and Grenadines Independence Gala.

Yellows

Ever since he had his first public singing experience at age 15, Carlos David Morgan "Yellows" as he is known professionally, has been entertaining audiences throughout St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) as well as throughout North America.

A house-hold name in SVG, Canada and the United States, Yellows credits the time he spent singing in the choir at Sunday morning church services in Barrouallie for helping to shape his voice and his singing career.

After placing second at a Calypso competition at his high school, Yellows joined the band, Resurrection, in the mid-1980's as lead vocalist and began performing throughout St. Vincent and the Grenadines. However, it wasn't until he toured with the band, Astericks, throughout the Caribbean that he progressed, musically.



Yellows moved to Canada, in 1988, and began signing with various bands across the country. In 2000, he became the lead vocalist with Moses Revolution, then known to be the #1 Soca band in Toronto. In 2002, he placed second for the Canadian Soca Monarch title and held that spot from 2003 to 2005. Yellows continued to win Soca titles, placing second in the 2012 New York New Song Competition and took home the Soca title for the St. Vincent and Grenadines Calypso competition finals in 2013.

Yellows have two albums and one single on the market.

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For Yellows music visit: <http://www.reverbNation.com/changi>

For his albums go to: <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/album/portrait/id445535123>

Kimya Hippolite



Kimya Hypolite (pronounced Ki-MYA HIPPO-lit) is a triple-threat performing artist from Toronto, Canada. She is a recent graduate of the world-renowned Bachelor of Music program at Humber College in Toronto, where she studied under and worked with some of Canada's and the World's top musicians. She is a Dancer in the Caribbean Dance Theatre Company, and a Teacher/Choreographer at the Roots & Branches Children's and Youth Dance Program. She writes arrangements and sings lead vocals in Toronto Pop band, "Really Big World." Kimya has also starred in leading roles in both the Toronto Fringe and Summer Works Theatre Festivals. Her talents extend to Songwriting, Music Production, and Modelling. She represented Canada at the 2016 Miss Legacy International Pageant in Jamaica, placing 3rd. Kimya recently recorded her first solo album, set to release in 2018, as well as produced the debut album of Contemporary Latin band, "The Nazca Project." A diverse artist, Kimya's dance and music background extends to Jazz, R&B, Pop, Latin, African, Calypso/Soca, Gospel, Reggae, Classical, Musical Theatre, and Rock.

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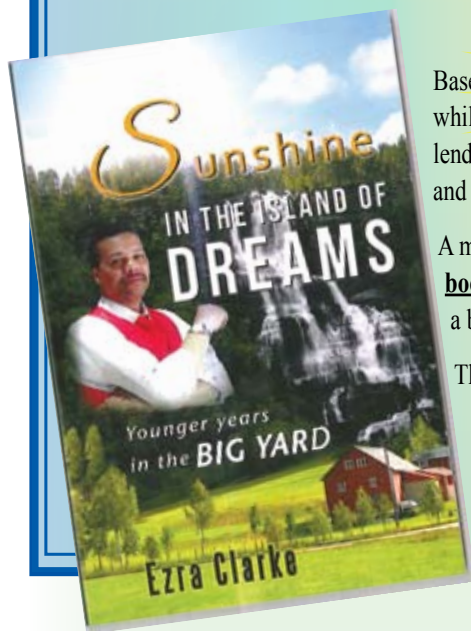
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