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Auditor Error in the Tabulation of Judges Scores for the SKNNCC Senior Calypso Monarch Quarterfinals

The St. Kitts Nevis National Carnival Committee (SKNNCC) engaged the Audit Services of the Chartered Certified Accountant Firm, Maitland Maitland & Associates (MMA) to tabulate the scores of the panel of judges for the Senior Calypso Monarch Quarter Finals that were held on the 12th and 13th December, 2020. Representatives of the Auditors were present on both nights of the event to tabulate judges scores and at the end of the competition on the 13th December, 2020 presented the SKNNCC with the total judges scores for the thirty-seven (37) Calypsonians who participated over the two nights of the competition.

On the night of Monday 14th December, 2020, the Chair of the SKNNCC, Ms Shannon Hawley, was notified verbally by Mr Franklin Maitland, Managing Partner of Maitland Maitland & Associates (MMA), that upon further analysis of judges scores, a systematic error was committed by the Auditors, with respect to each work sheet for each calypsonian performing on **Sunday 13th December, 2020**. The score for “Lyrics – Expression of theme” was not included in the final total. This meant that the total score reported for each calypsonian who performed on Sunday 13th December was under-reported by a figure equal to the sum of the judges score for the said line item.

This Auditor error, has affected the overall scores for some calypsonians who participated in the Quarter Finals and as a result has also affected the finalists as previously presented to the general public by the SKNNCC.

On the night of the 13th December, the following 15 Calypsonians were announced as finalists in the Senior Calypso Monarch Competition:-

1. Karisia Willet - Queen Independent 393
 2. Craig McDowell - King Craig 387
 3. Kendra Hutton - Queen Brown Sugar 385
 4. Oscar Brown - King Astro 382
 5. Duncan Wattle - Big Lice 368
 6. Godfrey Wattle - King Godfrey 368
 7. Kibiane Willet - Queen Kibi 362
 8. Kimara Williams - Queen Diva 353
 9. Calvin Johnson - I Soursop 349
 10. Glenroy Blanchette - Blanchette 348
 11. Venetia Clarke - Lady Composer 342
 12. Daven Liburd - Lord Kut 340
 13. Andrew Nisbett - King Hollywood 335
 14. Sharon Cannonier - Singing Sharon 333
 15. Kirthy Morton - King Irvin 332
- Alternate* - Tyronne O'Flearty - Sack Cloth & Ashes - 328

The official Auditors Report issued to the SKNNCC on Tuesday 15th December, 2020 included the revised scores for all calypsonians who participated in the Quarter Finals. The following twenty (20) calypsonians amassed the highest scores during the Quarter Finals Competition:-

	Name	Stage Name	Original Score	Original Rank	Revised Rank	Revised Score
1	Karissa Willet	Queen Independent	393	1	1	393
2	Craig McDowell	King Graig	387	2	2	387
3	Kendra Hutton	Queen Brown Sugar	385	3	3	385
4	Kibiane Willet	Queen Kibi	362	6	4	383
5	Oscar Brown	King Astro	382	4	5	382
6	Kimara Williams	Queen Diva	353	7	6	374
7	Calvin Johnson	I Soursop	349	8	7	370
8	Duncan Wattley	Big Lice	368	5	8	368
9	Godfrey Wattley	King Godfrey	368	5	9	368
10	Venetia Clarke	Lady Composer	342	10	10	362
11	Daven Liburd	Lord Kut	340	11	11	359
12	Glenroy Blanchette	Blanchette	348	9	12	348
13	Tyronne O'Flearty	Sack Cloth & Ashes	328	16	13	346
14	Tiandra Francis	Singing Sensation	322	18	14	340
15	Andrew Nisbett	King Hollywood	335	12	15	335
16	Andrew Hendrickson	Murray	318	19	16	334
17	Sharon Cannonier	Singing Sharon	333	13	17	333
18	Learie Hobson	Honesty	316	20	18	333
19	Gloria Robinson	Queeny G	315	21	19	333
20	Kirthy Morton	King Irvin	332	14	20	332

Because of the error made by the Auditors, two (2) of the calypsonians included originally in the top fifteen (15), now have placed No. 17 (Singing Sharon) and No. 20 (King Irvin). In light of this, the SKNNCC has made a decision to include all of the above-named top (20) twenty calypsonians into the Senior Calypso Monarch Finals to be held on Tuesday 29th December, 2020.

The SKNNCC apologizes for any inconvenience caused however in the interest of fairness, we believe that this is the best and just decision to take.