

CIBC FirstCaribbean Supports Roy Cape Music Foundation

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 3 August 2023 - Roy Cape is a beloved music icon of Trinidad and Tobago. Although he has retired from the soca stage and his band, the Roy Cape All Stars, the music never stopped for him.

Papi, as Cape is still fondly called, continues to foster music development to many youngsters as possible.

Through the Roy Cape Foundation, he developed a music programme for the Mayaro community in 2019. Three years later, he continues his music literacy and education journey.

This time, young people of the Diego Martin community will have the opportunity to embrace music at the Central Diego Community Centre. The semester-long programme will focus on tutoring students in music literacy and instrument performance.

To support the initiative, CIBC FirstCaribbean made a contribution of \$10,000 to the effort.

“I admire the work Roy Cape has done. The bank places focus on youth and their well-being,” said Anthony Seeraj, managing director of CIBC FirstCaribbean, Trinidad Operating Company. “There are too many talented young people out there, but they don’t have the capability to move forward with music. I am glad he is focussing on music literacy.”

Speaking at the presentation recently held at CIBC FirstCaribbean’s offices in Maraval, Cape expressed appreciation for the bank’s interest in carrying this music project forward. “I have so many plans. Including taking students to a level so they could sit Royal and Trinity Schools of Music examinations,” he said.

This donation came from the bank’s charitable arm, the FirstCaribbean ComTrust Foundation. Established as a registered charity in Barbados, the foundation supports projects in the 12 countries where the bank has a presence, donating not less than USD one million annually.

A recipient of an honorary Doctor of Letters (DLitt) from the University of the West Indies, Cape has been donating a full range of woodwind and brass instruments to local youth organisations since 2015. The St James, Oropune and Beetham Police Youth Clubs; Morvant/Misir Lands community; Positive Movement of Malabar have been recipients. Cape has also assisted the Sangre Grande Cordettes and Birdsong steel orchestras.

Cape has been associated with CIBC FirstCaribbean as a spokesperson for the bank’s annual cancer fundraiser and awareness event, Walk for the Cure. As a prostate cancer survivor himself, Cape has shared his story on numerous occasions, encouraging men of Trinidad and Tobago to go get checked.

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Music icon Roy Cape receives a donation from Anthony Seeraj, managing director of CIBC FirstCaribbean, Trinidad Operating Company.

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