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### **Media Release of the National Schools' Garifuna Folk Festival.**

#### **9<sup>th</sup> National Schools' Garifuna Folk Festival at the Victoria Park (March 5th, 2024):**

The Garifuna Heritage Foundation is pleased to announce that we are collaborating with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Sustainable Development & Culture in the hosting of the 9th Garifuna Heritage Cultural Rally featuring dancing, singing, drama, drumming and choral speech. This festival will also feature exhibitions from Secondary Schools. These cultural items will be presented by Primary and Secondary Schools students throughout St. Vincent and the Grenadines who will receive trophies for the best performances in the various categories. This festival will be held under the theme: **“Children of Chatoyer, Fruits of our Heritage”**. This event will take place at Victoria Park on TUESDAY , 5th March 2024. It will commence at 9:00 with a march from the Bishop's College grounds to Victoria Park. There is NO Entrance Fee and the public is invited to attend.

#### **During the March Past**

- LARGEST GROUP OF STUDENTS
- MOST ORGANISED GROUP
- BEST GARIFUNA CHANT
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#### **Performances at the Park**

- Most Outstanding Garifuna Song
- Most Outstanding Garifuna Dance
- Most Outstanding Poetry
- Most Outstanding instrumental piece
- Most Outstanding Garifuna Choral Speech
- Best Overall Garifuna Themed Presentation
- BEST /MOST CREATIVE USE OF GARIFUNA COLORS (Yellow, Black and White)
- Most Outstanding Garifuna Fashion – Teachers
- Most Outstanding Garifuna Fashion – Students
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#### **Booths at the Park**

- Most Outstanding Traditional Booth
- Most Outstanding Research Paper
- Most Outstanding Oral Presentation
- Most Creative Local Dish

We take this opportunity to invite the Media and the General Public to attend this event.