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Inventory of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique**Intangible Cultural Heritage**

1. **Djab-Djab** (Traditional Carnival Masquerade played across Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique during the annual carnival festivities)
2. **Traditional Drumming and Drum Making** (across Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique)
3. **Fishing** (Seine and Long-Line fishing across Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique)
4. **Boatbuilding** (in Carriacou and Petite Martinique)
5. **Dancing of the Flags and Cake** (Wedding ceremony in Carriacou and Petite Martinique)
6. **Maroon Festival** (in Carriacou and Petite Martinique)
7. **Maroon and Sugaring the Piton** (in Petite Martinique)
8. **Maypole Dancing** (in Grenada and Carriacou)
9. **Quadrille Dance** (in Carriacou and Petite Martinique)
10. **Saraka Nation Dance** (in Grenada)
11. **Shortknee Masquerade** (Grenada)
12. **Shakespeare Masquerade** (Carriacou)
13. **Stringband Music** (Carriacou and Petite Martinique)



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Shakespeare Mas



Shakespeare Mas

Photo credit: Grenada Tourism Authority

Shakespeare Mas is a unique Carnival masquerade to Carriacou, but derives from Grenada’s speech-mas tradition and stick fighting that illustrates Carriacou’s own history and culture in this Creole synthesis. The costume is a colourful shirt/tunic emblazoned with a black heart and mirrors over a white petticoat, face mask, long cape suspending from the head onto the back, and bullwhip. It takes to the streets of villages to the town Hillsborough each Carnival where players do mock battles in their recitation of verses from Shakespeare’s Julius Caesar, and if they should err, they are harassed about their padded crowns. Brave!



About this Project

The Proud of my Heritage project, funded by UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage and executed by the Grenada National Trust aims to record, safeguard, and raise awareness about the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique through inventorying, education, and marketing initiatives.

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Persons and groups in villages across the island participate in the 'Shakespeare Mas', but those of Mt. Royal, Six Road and Mt. Pleasant are historically identified with the element, and today it is widely recognized that these villages remain as the main areas associated with the element. Special recognition to ICH/Shakespeare Mas group and practitioners in Carriacou as:

"Hero" representing villages to the east, west and north of the island, which includes Mount Royal, Grand Bay, Windward, Top Hill, Bogles, Craigston, Dover, Petit Carenage, Belair, and Mount Pleasant.

"Freeport" representing central located villages, which include Mount Desire, Tiff, Six Roads, Brunswick, Prospect Hall, Hillsborough, and Beausejour.

"Banroy" representing villages to the south, which include Bellevue South, Belmont, Harvey Vale, and L'Esterre.

Jenny Duncan and Mary Noel, who have been training students at the Mt. Pleasant Government School since 2012.

Faithlyn George, one of the first women to play Shakespeare Mas', has also been



The Proud of my Heritage project in Numbers

Between November 2021 and February 2023:

- 500 ICH Calendars for 2023 distributed
- 150 Workshop attendees (in person and online)
- Over 135 children are currently learning about ICH
- 43 Cultural practitioners interviewed
- 24 Communities from 7 Parishes involved
- 20 Teachers trained in the Proud of my Heritage Education Programme

secondary schools in Carriacou.

George Andrew, a local businessman, and his family based in the diaspora, render support to defray the cost by providing materials for costumes.

Lydia Andrew, a seamstress which sews for free.

The late Stephen Alexander, President of the Carriacou Historical Society and Museum, was a staunch supporter of the mas' and its continuity.



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Due to the importance of this element among Carriacou communities and its unique characteristic and location, Grenada has proposed this element to be nominated and included at the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural



documented
 1 ICH Photo
 Contest
 launched
 recognizing local
 competitors,
 including youths
 1 ICH Resource
 Guide and lesson
 plan created for
 local schools
 Proud of my
 Heritage Events
 in February 2023
 to display our
 Living Heritage
 1st Intangible
 Cultural
 Heritage
 inventorying list
 for the tri-island
 of Grenada:
 available to the
 general public in
 March-April
 2023.

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