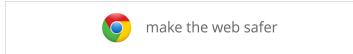


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Tropicalfete is pleased to present the Reigning Calypso Monarch Ignatius "Invader" Tisin at the Saint Lucia Independence Ball in New York City with the Tropicalfete Sprit of the Arts Award.

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NEW YORK---On Saturday, February 26, New York City based Caribbean entertainment group Tropicalfete will honor current Calypso King Ignatius "De Invader" Tisin for his remarkable contributions to the arts in Saint Lucia and throughout the Caribbean. Tisin will receive this award during an independence ball marking Saint Lucia's 32nd anniversary of independence from Great Britain. In collaboration with the Consulate General of Saint Lucia in New York, this event is being organized by New York City's Saint Lucia House Foundation, an umbrella group of New York City, Connecticut, and New Jersey based Saint Lucian organizations.



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Alton Aimable, founder Tropicalfete, describes Tisin as a personal friend and mentor, crediting the music legend for inspiring the launch of Tropicalfete in 1999. "He endorsed my vision of developing the community in the area of the arts and social services," says Aimable. "And from our inception, our focus remains on educating the global community on Caribbean culture.' Tisin, an accomplished musician, is

a four-time Calypso Monarch, an Extempo Monarch, a seven-time Road March King, and a King of Kings champion. His successful hits include "Walk and Wine" and "Step Step," as well as a host of others. Most recently, Tisin earned the 2010 Most recently, Tisin earned the 2010 Calypso Monarch title with the two favorites, "Leave my Beaches Alone" and "Stay in your Section." Headlining the Foundation's independence ball, Tisin is grateful for the recognition and eagerly looks forward to celebrating the 32nd anniversary with Saint Lucians in the Diaspora. Throughout the night, there will also be performances by there will also be performances by Saint Lucia's Rootsie and Inferno, a

Saint Lucian band based in New York City. DJ Eryk Natural Sounds will provide the music. Other gala activities include dinner, dancing, a raffle, and the awards presentation.
The night will also focus on the Foundation's ongoing commitment to the island of

Saint Lucia, its residents, and Saint Lucians in the United States. The theme for this year's celebrations is "Recovering through Resilience, Rebuilding with Determination.'

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