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SUNSHINE Awards Organization Announces 2016 Hall of Fame Nominees

Calypso Rose and Len “Boogsie” Sharpe for Induction

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**New Jersey, September 28, 2016.** The SUNSHINE Awards Organization today announced in New Jersey the nominees for the 28th Annual SUNSHINE Awards Hall of Fame. The black tie event is scheduled for Saturday October 15, at the AXA Equitable Center 787 Seventh Avenue at 51st Street in New York City.

Dr. Hollis Chalkdust” Liverpool, Co-founder of the SUNSHINE Awards Hall of Fame and Chairman of the Nomination and Network Committee said, *“The SUNSHINE Awards Organization as a body continues to make its presence felt among the members and fans of the Caribbean’s artistic world, and to set standards at which all can aim. Accordingly, I congratulate all nominees and all recipients knowing that their contribution to the arts will be recorded on the historical sands of time.”*

The nominees for this year’s induction are:

**McCartha Lewis** – Trinidad & Tobago

Better known in the calypso world as Calypso Rose. She began writing songs at the age of 15, turned professional in 1964 and has written more than 800 songs and recorded more than 20 albums.

**Aldwin Albino** – Trinidad & Tobago

Aldwin's entry into the professional music field began at age fifteen, first as a Church organist, then as pianist and arranger in many local dance bands and steel bands before leading his own outfit as the first music director at Trinidad and Tobago Television on Holly Betaudier's Scouting for Talent Program.

**Willard Harris** – Trinidad & Tobago

Better known in the calypso world as, Lord Relator. He began his calypso career in the early 1960s and is still performing and thrilling audiences around the world. He won the Trinidad and Tobago Calypso Monarch competition in 1980.

**Len "Boogsie" Sharpe** – Trinidad & Tobago

Lennox "Boogsie" Sharpe is a successful and popular composer and arranger of steelpan music. He began his music career in the early 1960s and is still thrilling audiences and winning competitions. He won the Trinidad and Tobago Steelband Panorama competition seven (7) times.

**Holly Betaudier** – Trinidad and Tobago (Posthumously)

Holly began his cultural career in media in the 1940s then founded the very popular Scouting for Talent Show which began airing on Trinidad and Tobago's lone television station, Trinidad and Tobago Television Company (TTT) in the early 1960s. Many popular performing artists started their careers on Holly's program. He departed for Heaven in August 2016 at 91.

Dr. Harold Robertson, former Trinidad and Tobago Consul General and Diplomat, Director of Diplomatic and Public Services for the SUNSHINE Awards Organization commented, *"on the occasion of the 28th Annual SUNSHINE Awards, the nominees to the Hall of Fame comprise a group of extraordinary individuals who have made indelible and timeless contributions to the performing arts regionally and internationally, I offer my warmest congratulations to each nominee and their families."*

The 28th Annual SUNSHINE Awards Program is sponsored in part by **United Airlines, “the preferred airline of the SUNSHINE Awards Program,” Alizé, National Staffing Associates, All Star Motors and Essex County Towing, and Trini Breakfast Shed.** Tickets can be obtained on the SUNSHINE Awards website at [www.sunshineawards.com](http://www.sunshineawards.com) or by calling **201-836-0799.** The SUNSHINE Awards Program is hosted by the Caribbean’s funniest comedians, Errol Fabien and Nikki Crosby.

