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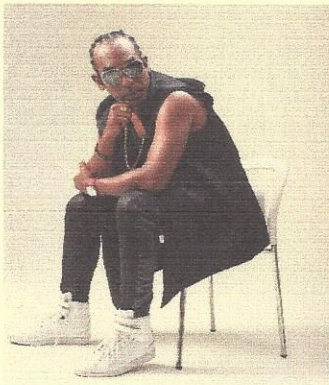
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## SUNSHINE Award for Farmer Nappy

Internationally acclaimed soca artist Darryl Henry known to the calypso and soca world as Farmer Nappy, was nominated and will receive the 2019 SUNSHINE Award for his 30 years of contribution to the performing arts.

Farmer Nappy embarked upon his musical journey at a tender age of 7 by playing percussions in the "Young band" which became known as "Xtatik." The lead singer was Machel Montano. As the band evolved, Farmer Nappy wrote and co-wrote some of the biggest hits in Xtatik's catalog. Some of those hits include, "Big Truck," "Music Farm," "UFO," and "Big Phat Fish," to name a few. In 1998 the Copyright Organization of Trinidad and Tobago honored him with the "Best Songwriter" Award for "Footsteps," which also won the Road March in that year. His brotherly bond with lead singer Machel Montano dates back to the inception of the band Panasonic Express.

In 2008, he rocked the soca world with his mega hit, "*Chippin*" (with *Meh Own Woman*) produced in Barbados by De Red Boyz. That hit earned him the "Groovy Song of the Year" at the 2008 Copyright Organization of Trinidad and Tobago Awards in Trinidad and Tobago.

In 2012, Farmer Nappy scored another International hit when he released "*You make me..... Surrender*" and received the "Artist of the Week" Award from MTV. In that same year, the renowned New Yorker Magazine streamed "*Surrender*" for their mainstream audience and described it as "the comprehensive sound of the Caribbean."



**Dr. Hollis “Chalkdust” Liverpool** who chairs the SUNSHINE Awards Nomination and Network Committee said, *“Farmer Nappy has been composing for a number of years but what is outstanding in his composition is his emphasis on the traditional artform. His themes are based on what people do, how people think and the cultural events of our country.”*



In 2014, Farmer Nappy continued to secure his place at the top of the soca world with the release of **“Big People Party.”** He received the Calypso of the Year Award from the National Action Cultural Committee and was a strong contender for the International Groovy Soca Monarch and Road March competitions in Trinidad and Tobago.



**Keet Styla formerly known as Designer** said, *“Farmer Nappy is deserving of this SUNSHINE Award. His compositions, melodies, skill and craftsmanship combined with his ability to work his stage set him apart from many other performing artists.”*

Farmer Nappy’s objective as a performing artist is to share his music with the world. In 2016 while on the House of Soca Tour with his own band, De Red Boyz, he released his album of hits to fans far and wide. He has shared the same stage with rap superstar Rick Ross, hip-hop stars Jah Rule, Ashanti and soca artists, Destra Garcia and Machel Montano.



**The Mighty Sparrow, the Calypso King of the World** said, *“when I listen to Farmer Nappy, his music and style of delivery leaves me in awe while I am comforted in knowing that the future of soca music is in good hands.”*

This year, he appeared at many events during the Trinidad and Tobago Carnival Season thrilling audiences with his mega hit, **“Hookin Meh.”** Farmer Nappy is grounded in his roots of calypso music. His talent and style are the reasons he and his music are always in demand.



The SUNSHINE Awards Organization will celebrate the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual SUNSHINE Awards on Saturday October 19, 2019 at the Robert Treat Hotel Ballroom in Newark, New Jersey. The cocktail reception is scheduled for 5:00pm to 7:00pm followed by the presentation of awards, live show and after party.



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