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## THE CARIBBEAN SUNSHINE AWARDS BIDS FAREWELL TO MYSTIC PROWLER

Teaneck, New Jersey, USA, Sept 21st 2003....The SUNSHINE Awards™ organization today issued the following statement:

The news of Mystic Prowler's sudden and unexpected passing is, indeed, cause of great sorrow. The Caribbean SUNSHINE Awards organization joins with the family, Government, and people of Trinidad & Tobago in mourning the loss of this wonderful calypsonian.

With Mystic Prowler's death, the world of calypso has lost a true exponent of the art form. With a career spanning over 30 years, he has performed for and entertained several generations of music lovers and he will surely be missed. He was a calypsonian who recognized the importance of the continuity and integrity of calypso. He shared with his fans his respect and appreciation of veteran calypsonians by performing many of their songs. This was his way of recognizing their importance to calypso and of paying tribute to them for their contribution to the art form.

It is, indeed, a remarkable achievement for any performer to have a sustained and successful career spanning three generations. Mystic Prowler is among the few who have achieved this. In 1999, he was the recipient of a SUNSHINE Award for the Best Political Commentary with his song, "Year 2010 in Trinidad & Tobago."

Dr. Hollis "Chalkdust" Liverpool, co-founder of the Caribbean SUNSHINE Awards Hall of Fame said, "the calypso world will miss him, especially when so many of our bards are off course in terms of the calypso tradition. Besides a calypsonian he was a friend to calypso fans who swarmed around him not only to hear calypso but also to be entertained otherwise by his fruitful and energetic spirit."

Gil Figaro, Sr., founder and chairman of the Caribbean SUNSHINE Awards, remembers him, "Mystic Prowler was a wonderful calypsonian, who helped to keep the true tradition of the music alive by playing songs written by the earlier generation of calypsonians. In fact, he recently recorded one of my uncle's (Young Killer) songs, Confusion with Names/Black Woman Name Miss White."

"Mystic Prowler's death is a major loss to the world of calypso. He is yet another great calypsonian who has been taken from us. The legacy of his music, however, will continue to entertain us, as well as future generations of music lovers. I shall remember him as a wonderful calypsonian but also as someone who had a great sense of humor, someone who always had a

smile on his face."

"The Caribbean SUNSHINE Awards organization mourns his passing and extends sincere condolences to his family. I also extend my own personal expression of sympathy as we bid farewell to this talented artist."