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Frankie McIntosh

For SUNSHINE Awards Hall of Fame

*The Prime Minister of St Vincent and the Grenadines and
the Calypso King of the World pay Tribute*

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**New Jersey, August 5, 2015.** The SUNSHINE Awards Organization today announced in New Jersey that Frankie McIntosh, musician, arranger, producer and teacher was nominated for the 2015 SUNSHINE Awards Hall of Fame and will be inducted at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual SUNSHINE Awards scheduled for Saturday October 3, at the AXA Equitable Center 787 Seventh Avenue at 51<sup>st</sup> Street in New York City.



McIntosh, a national of St. Vincent and the Grenadines was introduced to music at the age of 3 by his father, saxophonist, Arthur McIntosh who founded the popular Melo Tones Orchestra Band in the 1950s in St. Vincent. At age 9, he was sent to learn the basic rudiments of music from Eunice Horn a popular piano teacher at that time. At age 10, he joined his father's band, ignoring the objections of his music teacher who thought that he would be wrongfully influenced by calypso music. By age 14, Frankie founded the Frankie McIntosh Orchestra which included some of his school mates. Through the years, as a young man he played for many events.







In 1968, Frankie migrated to the United States to pursue a degree in music at Brooklyn College in Brooklyn, New York. He also completed a Master's Degree at New York University in 1978. By this time, the calypso and soca industry in the New York tristate area was booming and Frankie's skills and talent were in great demand. He was arranging and producing for the popular calypso and soca artists of the day. These artists were nationals of the various countries and included, Winston Soso, Beckett (St. Vincent), the Mighty Duke, The Mighty Sparrow, Calypso Rose, Johnny King, Explainer (Trinidad & Tobago), Arrow (Montserrat), Short Shirt and Obsolete (Antigua). Research has revealed that since 1968, Frankie has produced and arranged over 2,500 songs. Frankie describes his music as the vehicle to sustain his continued growth in the various disciplines of life. He is forever studying the relationship between speech rhythms and melodic rhythms.



The Honorable Prime Minister of St Vincent and the Grenadines, Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, contacted by telephone said, *"Frankie and I went to high school together, we have been friends since then. He is a Caribbean musical icon who has rendered exceptional service as a musician, arranger and producer. He has unselfishly contributed his talents to mold and help develop younger Caribbean artists. In fact, many Caribbean artists soared to popularity because of Frankie and his talent. St. Vincent and the Grenadines also recognize his contribution and awarded him the title of Cultural Ambassador. Frankie is a musical genius."*



Dr. Hollis "Chalkdust" Liverpool who chairs the SUNSHINE Awards Nomination and Network Committee, said *"Frankie is one of those Caribbean geniuses that we so often take for granted. As a calypsonian on stage, if I happen to glimpse him as a musician in the band, I know that my calypso performance will reach close to perfection."*



The Calypso King of the World, The Mighty Sparrow, contacted in Grenada for his thoughts on Frankie McIntosh's nomination for the SUNSHINE Awards Hall of Fame said, *"Through my years as a performing artist, I have worked with many musicians and arrangers from around the world, including Frankie. But, Frankie's unique style and approach for the task at hand puts him ahead of his time. His depth is unfathomable and he is a gifted musician. His 40 plus years as a musician and an arranger, adding much joy and excitement to our lives more than qualifies him for the SUNSHINE Awards Hall of Fame. It is a recognition and honor earned and well deserved."*







**Charles Dougherty**, Jamaican Saxophonist, songwriter, and music producer, said *"I have known Frankie for over 30 years and this recognition and honor is well deserved. In 1983, he played at my graduation recital at the Manhattan School of Music. Frankie is always dedicated to the cause and his music. He places great emphasis on quality and more importantly, he is always ready to contribute his talents to assist the less fortunate. I can attest to the fact that many Caribbean performing artists skyrocketed to stardom because of Frankie's unique and skillful arrangements and productions."*

The SUNSHINE Awards Organization's mission is to recognize excellence in the performing arts, education, science and sports. The 27<sup>th</sup> 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*, *VMS Consulting* and *Trini Breakfast Shed*. The black tie event will begin with a cocktail reception at 5:00pm followed by the presentation of awards and a live show. Tickets can be obtained on the SUNSHINE Awards website at [www.sunshineawards.com](http://www.sunshineawards.com) or by calling **201-836-0799**.

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