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Editorial

The Enduring Power of Music - Long Live King Ellie Matt

There are few forces in human life as powerful, universal and enduring as music. It transcends age, class, politics and even time itself. Music has the remarkable ability to celebrate our happiest moments, comfort us during our darkest days, and transport us instantly to places and memories long tucked away in the corners of our minds.

That enduring power was on full display on the opening night of the 2026 St. Kitts Music Festival.

While thousands gathered to enjoy an evening of entertainment, the night offered something much deeper than a concert experience. It served as a reminder of music's unique ability to connect generations, preserve legacies, and keep the spirit of those we have lost very much alive.

One of the most moving moments of the evening came during the special tribute to the late Elston "King Ellie Matt" Nero, one of the Federation's most beloved cultural icons, also described to be one of the greatest musical ambassadors St. Kitts and Nevis has ever produced. Having passed away in April at the age of 73, King Ellie Matt left behind a catalogue of music that continues to resonate across generations.

The St. Kitts Music Festival's decision to honour him on Opening Night was both fitting and necessary. More importantly, it demonstrated how music possesses a power that extends well beyond the life of the artist who created it.

As the All-Star Band delivered spirited renditions of classics such as Sugar City Jamming and I Love St. Kitts, something remarkable happened. For a few special moments, time seemed to stand still. Men and women who grew up during the height of King Ellie

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

SKBHPB2026/0071

In the Estate of MARY ELIZABETH MARKMAN
also known as ELIZABETH MARKMAN and
ELIZABETH ADAMS-MARKMAN late of Main
Street, St. Pauls in the Island of St. Christopher but
who resided in England, United Kingdom, deceased

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Bryant & Liburd on behalf of SAMANTHA SARAH MC INTOSH of 13 Karswell Close, Slough, SL2 1QH, England, United Kingdom for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 27th day of April 2025 without revoking a will bearing the date of 9th May 2019 wherein the applicant is named as the sole Executrix.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the second publication of this Notice.

Dated this 19th day of June 2026.

Bryant & Liburd
Bryant & Liburd
Solicitors for the Executrix



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Matt's musical influence were transported back to another era. They danced, sang, smiled and relived memories that perhaps had not surfaced in years.

The scenes were reminiscent of the energy witnessed during his recent funeral celebrations, where music once again became the language through which people expressed both grief and gratitude. Last night's tribute carried that same spirit. It was not simply about remembering a musician. It was about reconnecting with a chapter of our national story.

Indeed, that is one of music's greatest gifts. A song can become the soundtrack to a generation. It can capture the mood of a people, preserve the culture of a nation and create bonds that endure long after the final note has been played.

In a world increasingly dominated by fast-moving technology and fleeting trends, music remains one of the few things capable of uniting

people across decades. The young may hear a melody for the first time, while their parents and grandparents hear the soundtrack of their youth. Yet all can share the same moment.

Kudos must be extended to the organisers of the St. Kitts Music Festival and especially to the All-Star Band for delivering a tribute worthy of King Ellie Matt's immense contribution to our cultural landscape. Their performance was more than entertainment; it was an act of preservation, ensuring that the music and legacy of a national treasure continue to inspire.

Last night's opening night reminded us that while life is temporary, the impact of music can be timeless. Great musicians may leave this earth, but their songs continue to speak, to inspire and to bring people together.

That is the power of music.

And if the scenes witnessed at Warner Park are any indication, the spirit of King Ellie Matt remains very much alive.

Long live King Ellie Matt.

PS Wharton Addresses No Age Restriction Topic For Music Festival

By: Spokesman Newsroom

Basseterre, St. Kitts (Thursday 25th June 2026)— There is currently no policy preventing persons under the age of 18 from attending the St. Kitts Music Festival.

So says the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, Tivanna Wharton, who sought to clarify public concerns during a press conference on Thursday 25th June 2026 held at the St.Kitts Marriott on the occasion for the 28th edition of the annual three-day festivity.

Addressing questions surrounding a possible age restriction for the annual event, the Permanent Secretary emphasized that no such policy exists for this year's festival.

"Currently there is no policy in place that restricts persons who are under 18 from attending the music festival," she said. "To be clear. There is no policy that anybody will be turned away from the music festival."

Of note, such clarification comes amid widespread public discussion and social media commentary regarding whether minors would be prohibited from attending the event.

While stressing that there are no restrictions, the tourism official acknowledged that certain aspects of the festival may not be suitable for children and urged parents and guardians to exercise responsibility.

"However, we recognize that there are elements within the festival that are not friendly for children," he stated. "We encourage parents and guardians to ensure that children are accompanied at all times for safety purposes."

The Permanent Secretary said the Ministry of Tourism and the St. Kitts Music Festival recognize that there may be public interest in discussing age-related policies for future editions of the event.

"At the Ministry of Tourism and the St. Kitts Music Festival, we recognize that there is possibly an appetite for this issue to be discussed by the public," she said.

However, he made it clear that any future changes would only come after broad consultation and would not be implemented ahead of this year's festival.

"We believe that if any changes are to be made, that this will be done through

consultation," she explained. "We are not going to make the acknowledgement before the festival because we recognize that this has been the norm over the years for the children to come with their parents."

She added, "We're happy to have the conversation in the future, possibly for future festivals, but for today and for this year's 28th festival, there is no policy restricting or prohibiting persons under 18 to attend the festival."

The Permanent Secretary reiterated that responsibility for minors attending the event ultimately rests with parents and guardians.

"Again, it remains the responsibility of the parents and the guardians to ensure that their children are in safe environments at all times," she said. "We just want to acknowledge everybody and encourage you to ensure that your children are accompanied. This is your responsibility."

He also addressed social media discussions referencing legislation concerning unaccompanied minors during late-night hours.

"I saw someone who made reference to the law and unaccompanied minors after particular hours," she said. "I do believe that there is a law. I think it's after 9 p.m."

The Permanent Secretary noted that enforcement of any such laws falls within the remit of law enforcement authorities.

"The festival leaves that up to police to do their jobs," she said. "But for now, the festival does not prohibit anybody who is under 18 to attend it as well."

Noting the volume of inquiries he had received on the issue, the tourism official expressed hope that his comments would put the matter to rest.

"While I'm sitting here, I have received maybe a hundred messages regarding this," she remarked. "We're not restricting persons at this time, but we will have a conversation about it."

She concluded by assuring the public that any future decision would involve public input.

"If there's the appetite for it, then you all will be part of the decision."

Front Page Photo: Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, Tivanna Wharton speaks during a press conference on Thursday 25th June 2026 held at the St.Kitts Marriott on the occasion of the 28th edition of the St.Kitts Music Festival (Spokesman Snap)



Photo: A look at the head table featuring performers and officials gathered for the press conference for the first night's line-up for the 28th edition of the St.Kitts Music Festival held on Thursday 25th June 2026 at the St.Kitts MarriottHotel. (Spokesman Snap)

ACP Rogers Reminds Festival Patrons About Smoking Rules

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 25th June 2026)- Assistant Commissioner of Police Travis Rogers (Head of Operations Directorate) is reminding patrons attending this year's St. Kitts Music Festival that while small personal-use quantities of cannabis, including up to five pre-rolled joints permitted under the law, may be carried into the venue, smoking, vaping and the public use of cannabis are prohibited within the festival grounds.

He has also warned that excessive quantities or "big bags" of cannabis would be confiscated and urged patrons to observe traffic, vending, and general conduct regulations throughout the event.

Speaking during a press conference ahead of the festival, held on Thursday 25th June 2026, ACP Rogers emphasized that organizers and law enforcement officials want patrons to enjoy the event while respecting the rules that have been put in place to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

"We're expecting general good behavior," Rogers said. "I want to be short and very positive. I'm encouraging people to put on their best behaviour."

He stressed that the intention of law enforcement is not to create unnecessary conflict with patrons.

"We want you to enjoy. We're not here to kick you out of the music festival," he stated. "We want you to have fun, whether you be children, adults, old, young, fat, slim whatever, you are going to enjoy the St. Kitts Music Festival without any embarrassing situation."

Among the key reminders issued was the prohibition on smoking and vaping within the festival grounds.

"Let me reiterate our public access to smoking, to cigarettes, tobacco, cannabis, and vaping," ACP Rogers said.

"So none of these are allowed, by law."

The Assistant Commissioner also addressed concerns regarding the possession of cannabis products. In a subsequent clarification, he outlined what patrons would be allowed to bring into the venue.

"So for clarification, it's five pre-rolled," Rogers said. "I don't want people to make a meme out of it... but don't bring a big bag of ganja... Walk with your five pre-rolls and your lighter; maybe two lighters... You walk with your big bag, it will be taken away."

He added, "So, clarification, and no issues at the gate."

ACP Rogers also warned vendors against setting up businesses directly outside the main entrance to the festival.

He noted that while individuals are free to conduct business in designated areas nearby, the immediate entrance area should remain exclusive to festival operations and patrons who have purchased tickets.

"We're asking you not to," he said, referring to vending in front of the main entrance. "You can go on the other side, you can go on Victoria Road. We're not stopping you from making that buck."

However, he stressed that the entrance area must remain clear.

"Music Festival is exclusive to the Music Festival and the people who are paying," he added.

The Assistant Commissioner further outlined traffic arrangements for the event, explaining that designated routes and one-way systems would be in place to facilitate the movement

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The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Invites Contractors to Bid on the following Projects:

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FOOTBALL PAVILION at Lime Kiln Play Field

Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Tuesday 16th June 2026 for a non-refundable fee of EC\$ 1000.00 each.

Completed Tender Documents shall be delivered in sealed envelope to the office of:

**Deputy Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts
on or before 1:00pm Thursday 30th July 2026**

Bidders or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.

Eligibility

Business License MUST be presented before receipt of Tender Document.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR - PUBLIC WORKS



ACP Rogers Reminds Festival Patrons About Smoking Rules

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of vehicles and patrons.

Recalling incidents from last year, he also cautioned members of the public against

tampering with directional signage erected for the festival.

As thousands of patrons are expected to attend the three-night event, ACP Rogers encouraged everyone to cooperate with law

enforcement officers and festival officials to ensure a successful and incident-free celebration.

"Put on your best behaviour," he urged, reiterating that the goal is for everyone to enjoy the festival safely and responsibly.


Front Page Photo: Assistant Commissioner of Police Travis Rogers (Head of Operations Directorate) seen at the St. Kitts Music Festival press Conference held on Thursday 25th June 2026.



Community Notice


Young men ages 11–21 are invited to the Turn Around Agenda: Building Men Session on Sunday, July 05, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. The session will be held at the Antioch Baptist Church, Lime Kiln Commercial Development.





National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited having made sworn deposition that policy number 66040 on the life of Judith Attong has been lost and having made an application to the Directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless an objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 19/06/2026

By Order,

 Diana Williams-Humphrey
 General Manager

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
 SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
 SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Claim No. SKBHPB2026/

In the Estate of **CAROLINE AGATHA CAINES**, late of Back Street, Dieppe Bay in the Island of Saint Christopher, in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES**, Attorneys-at-Law for **THOMAS CAINES** of Kingston, Ontario, Canada, for a Grant of Probate to the applicant who is the Executor of the Estate of the deceased who died on the 27th day of December 2025 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 24th day of February 2014.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 24th day of June, 2026

Filed by: **JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES**, Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is: 9 The Sands, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Telephone Number 466-2019.

[FIRST / PUBLICATION]

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
 SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
 SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

In the Estate of **THOMAS MARTIN**, late of Back Street Dieppe Bay in the Parish of Saint John in the Island of Saint Christopher in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES**, Attorneys-at-Law for **LORNA WARNER** of Back Street Dieppe Bay in the Parish of Saint John in the Island of Saint Christopher in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is a surviving sibling of the deceased, who is the Intended Administratrix of the Estate of the deceased, having died intestate on the 25th day of October, 2009.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 25th day of June, 2026

Filed by: **JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES**, Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is: Unit 9, The Sands, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Telephone Number 466-2018.

[FIRST / PUBLICATION]

Taiwan achieves best-ever IMD world competitiveness ranking

Publication Date: June 22, 2026 |



Taiwan moved up two places to fourth among 70 economies covered in the 2026 World Competitiveness Ranking released June 18 by Switzerland-based International Institute for Management Development.

Taiwan ranks fourth in the 2026 edition of the World Competitiveness Ranking

published June 18 by Switzerland-based International Institute for Management Development. (MOFA)

Taiwan moved up two places to fourth among 70 economies covered in the 2026 World Competitiveness Ranking released June 18 by Switzerland-based International Institute for Management Development.

According to the National Development Council, this is the country's best-ever ranking since it was first included in the annual survey in 1997. Taiwan has also remained in the top spot among countries with a population of more than 20 million people for six years in a row.

The report said that given worsening geopolitical conditions and increasing global fragmentation, the drivers of national competitiveness have shifted from the traditional emphasis on cost, scale and output to institutional credibility, adaptability and resilience.

Against this backdrop, Taiwan continued its strong upward trajectory with its robust democratic governance, complete industrial ecosystem, advanced technological innovation and highly flexible business operation, the report added.

Among the four major factors used to gauge an economy's overall competitiveness, Taiwan jumped five spots to fifth in economic performance, the NDC said, adding that this significant improvement is the main reason behind the country's overall ranking. The country moved up two spots to sixth in government efficiency and remained fourth in business efficiency and 10th in infrastructure.

In the analysis of the 264 criteria that make up the overall survey, Taiwan led the world in eight, including freely elected government, entrepreneurship and opportunities and threats; ranked second in 12, including business expenditure on research and development, real gross domestic product growth per capita and agility of companies; and placed third in 10, including citizen trust in artificial intelligence, higher education achievement and high-tech exports.

These strong showings reflect Taiwan's long-standing advantages in R&D capabilities, industrial competitiveness, business governance and talent quality, the NDC added. (SFC-E)

Case Number :SKBHPB2026/0052



THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

A. D. 2026

(PROBATE)

CLAIM NO: SKBHPB2026/

*In the Estate of KEITH ANTHONY HANLEY, late, of
39 Woodgate Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02126,
United States of America.*

Submitted Date:14/05/2026 10:12

Filed Date:14/05/2026 10:12

Fees Paid:52.00

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **SHERYL PATRICIA PEREIRA**, formerly of **Prickly Pear Alley**, Basseterre, in the Island of St. Christopher, but currently residing at 9397 Deer Crossing Lane, Jonesboro, GA 30236, in the United States of America for a Grant of Letters of Administration, in the Estate of **KEITH ANTHONY HANLEY**, deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 16th day of January, 2015, in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2026.

S.A.M Legal Services
Attorney-at-Law for the Estate of
Keith Anthony Hanley, deceased

Filed by S.A.M Legal Services, Attorney-at-Law whose address for service is Berkley Street, Shadwell Housing, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Tel No. 466-4902, Email: samlegaloffices@gmail.com

(SECOND PUBLICATION)

Case Number :SKBHPB2026/0072



IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A.D. 2026

Submitted Date:23/06/2026 15:56

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Fees Paid:2.00

Claim No. SKBHPB2026/

In the Matter of Administration of Small Estates
Act, Cap 5.02 as amended (Non-Contentious
Probate and Administration of Estates) Rules
2017

and

In the Estate of **WENDELL ADALPHAUS
PARRIS**, late Powells Estate, in the Island of
Antigua, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **TREMAINE McFARLANE-PARRIS** of No. 30 Hermitage Extension, Lower Cayon in the Parish of Saint Mary in the Island of Saint Christopher in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the wife of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 27th day of November, 2025.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 12th day of June 2026.

Filed by Chere Persad of **CHARLES AND ASSOCIATES**, Attorneys-at Law whose address for service is: Unit C20, Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts

EASTERN CARIBBEAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY (ECTEL)

PRESS RELEASE

Regulators Respond to Flow Service Disruption Affecting Dominica and Saint Lucia

Castries - Saint Lucia – 24th June 2026 – The National Telecommunications Regulatory Commissions (NTRCs) of the Commonwealth of Dominica and Saint Lucia and the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL), are aware of the severe service outage experienced by Flow customers in Dominica and Saint Lucia from approximately 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 21, to 12:40 p.m. on Monday, June 22, when the networks were restored.

The NTRCs have engaged Flow and requested a detailed report on the incident. Preliminary information provided by Flow indicates that the disruption was caused by a fault on a fibre transmission path between Guadeloupe and Antigua.

Flow has advised that it is actively exploring measures to strengthen network

resilience and reduce the likelihood of similar incidents in the future. These measures include the deployment of alternative connectivity solutions, a review of route resiliency, and the establishment of additional fibre paths within the network. The NTRCs and ECTEL will consider these measures, and broader regulatory steps, to promote increased network resilience across ECTEL Contracting States, for all operators. ECTEL and the NTRCs recognize the significant inconvenience and disruption this outage caused to consumers, businesses, and other users who rely on electronic communications services. We will continue to monitor the situation and review the information provided by the operator to ensure that appropriate steps are taken to improve service reliability. We encourage the public to consider their own plans for suitable backup or redundant communications in the event of unexpected service outages.

Consumers seeking additional information are encouraged to contact their respective NTRC:

- NTRC Dominica – 1 767-440-0627 / secretariat@ntrc.dm
- NTRC Saint Lucia – 1 758-458-2035 / ntrc_sluc@candw.lc / info@ntrcslu.lc

As regulators, ECTEL and the NTRCs remain committed to fostering a telecommunications environment that promotes reliable services, innovation, consumer choice, and sustainable competition for the benefit of all users throughout ECTEL's Contracting States and are committed to promoting transparency with respect to the resolution of network outages when they occur.

Case Number :NEVHCV2021/0135



THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP 10.19
A.D. 2026

Submitted Date:12/06/2026 11:28

Filed Date:12/06/2026 11:28

Fees Paid:12.00

NEVHCV2021/0135

In the matter of Section 92 of the Title by
Registration Act, Cap. 10.19

and

In the matter of an application to settle Articles of
Sale of the Respondent's property comprised in a
Certificate of Title dated 5th April, 2001 registered in
Register Book 39 Folio 82

THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED

Applicant

and

**BRIAN PEMBERTON
and
ORENCIA PEMBERTON**

Respondents

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by the Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Bath Village, Nevis

on the 31st day of July 2026 at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Farms Estate in the Parish of St. John in the island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North East by lands of Judith Parris 231.00 feet, On or towards the South East by a Private Road 83.12 feet, On or towards the South West by a 12' Road Allowance bordering lands of the Estate of Frederick Parris 230.86 feet and On or towards the North West by remaining lands of Frank Parris 77.16 feet and containing by admeasurement 18,500 square feet.

UPSET PRICE

The upset price for the above property shall be **ECS1,111,500.00.**

Dated the 2nd day of June, 2026.



Case Number :NEVHCV2021/0136



THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP 10.19
A.D. 2026

Submitted Date:12/06/2026 11:20

Filed Date:12/06/2026 11:20

Fees Paid:12.00

NEVHCV2021/0136

In the matter of Section 75 of the Title by
Registration Act, Cap. 10.19

and

In the matter of an Application to settle Articles
of Sale of the Respondents' property comprised in
a Certificate of Title issued 16th November 1995
registered in Register Book 33 Folio 489

BETWEEN:

THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED

Applicant

and

**JOHN HAWLEY
BERNICE HAWLEY**

*First Respondent
Second Respondent*

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

21,529 square feet of land situate at Padlock Estate in the Parish of St. George in the Island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the South East by lands of Sundry Owners 201.79 feet; On the South West by Boundary on edge of ghaunt 34.32 feet and 68.22 feet and On the North West by lands of Mable Kelly 78.25 feet and 145.11 feet; On the North East by Public Road 110.31 feet

UPSET PRICE

The upset price for the above property shall be **ECS96,880.50.**

Dated the 5th day of June, 2026.



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St. Kitts Music Festival To Honour Ellie Matt With Special Tribute Performance

Basseterre, St. Kitts (24 June 2026) — The St. Kitts Music Festival Committee has announced the addition of a special musical tribute to legendary Kittitian musician Ellie Matt as part of the Festival's opening night programme on Thursday, June 25.

The tribute follows the memorable all-star performance presented during the recent homegoing celebration of the beloved bandleader and cultural icon, whose music has left an indelible mark on St. Kitts and Nevis, the wider Caribbean and the world at large.

Featuring former members of the renowned Ellie Matt & De GI's Brass alongside accomplished musicians inspired by his work, the tribute will celebrate his life and legacy through a collection of his best-known songs.

Importantly, the St. Kitts Music Festival's connection with Ellie Matt is not a recent one. Over the years, he graced the Festival stage, sharing his talent with thousands of patrons and helping to shape the rich musical heritage that the event continues to celebrate today.

Minister of Tourism, the Honourable Marsha Henderson, welcomed the tribute.

"Ellie Matt was one of St. Kitts and Nevis' greatest musical ambassadors. Through his music, he brought joy to generations and showcased the talent and culture of our Federation to audiences near and far. This tribute is a fitting celebration of a remarkable life and an remarkable legacy and I am pleased that the St. Kitts Music Festival will provide the stage for this special moment of

remembrance and appreciation."

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism et al, Miss Tivana Wharton said the tribute is intended to honour a man whose contribution to the nation's cultural identity remains immeasurable.

"Ellie Matt's music continues to resonate with generations from both home and abroad. We believe it is only fitting that we pause to celebrate his extraordinary contribution to our musical and cultural development in a setting that has long showcased the very best of our talent."

News of the tribute has been met with an overwhelmingly positive response from the public, with many expressing excitement at the opportunity to once again hear the timeless music that has become synonymous with celebrations, memories and national pride.

The St. Kitts Music Festival takes place June 25-27 at Warner Park and will feature a diverse mix of local, regional and international performers while continuing to celebrate the rich musical heritage of St. Kitts and Nevis.

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Importantly, the St. Kitts Music Festival's connection with Ellie Matt is not a recent one. Over the years, he graced the Festival stage, sharing his talent with thousands of patrons and helping to shape the rich musical heritage that the event continues to celebrate today.

Minister of Tourism, the Honourable Marsha Henderson, welcomed the tribute.

"Ellie Matt was one of St. Kitts and Nevis' greatest musical ambassadors. Through his music, he brought joy to generations and showcased the talent and culture of our Federation to audiences near and far. This tribute is a fitting celebration of a remarkable life and an remarkable legacy and I am pleased that the St. Kitts Music Festival will provide the stage for this special moment of remembrance and appreciation."

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism et al, Miss Tivana Wharton said the tribute is intended to honour a man whose contribution to the nation's cultural identity remains immeasurable.

"Ellie Matt's music continues to resonate with generations from both home and abroad. We believe it is only fitting that we pause to celebrate his extraordinary contribution to our musical and cultural development in a setting that has long showcased the very best of our talent."

News of the tribute has been met with an overwhelmingly positive response from the public, with many expressing excitement at the opportunity to once again hear the timeless music that has become synonymous with celebrations, memories and national pride.

The St. Kitts Music Festival takes place June 25-27 at Warner Park and will feature a diverse mix of local, regional and international performers while continuing to celebrate the rich musical heritage of St. Kitts and Nevis.

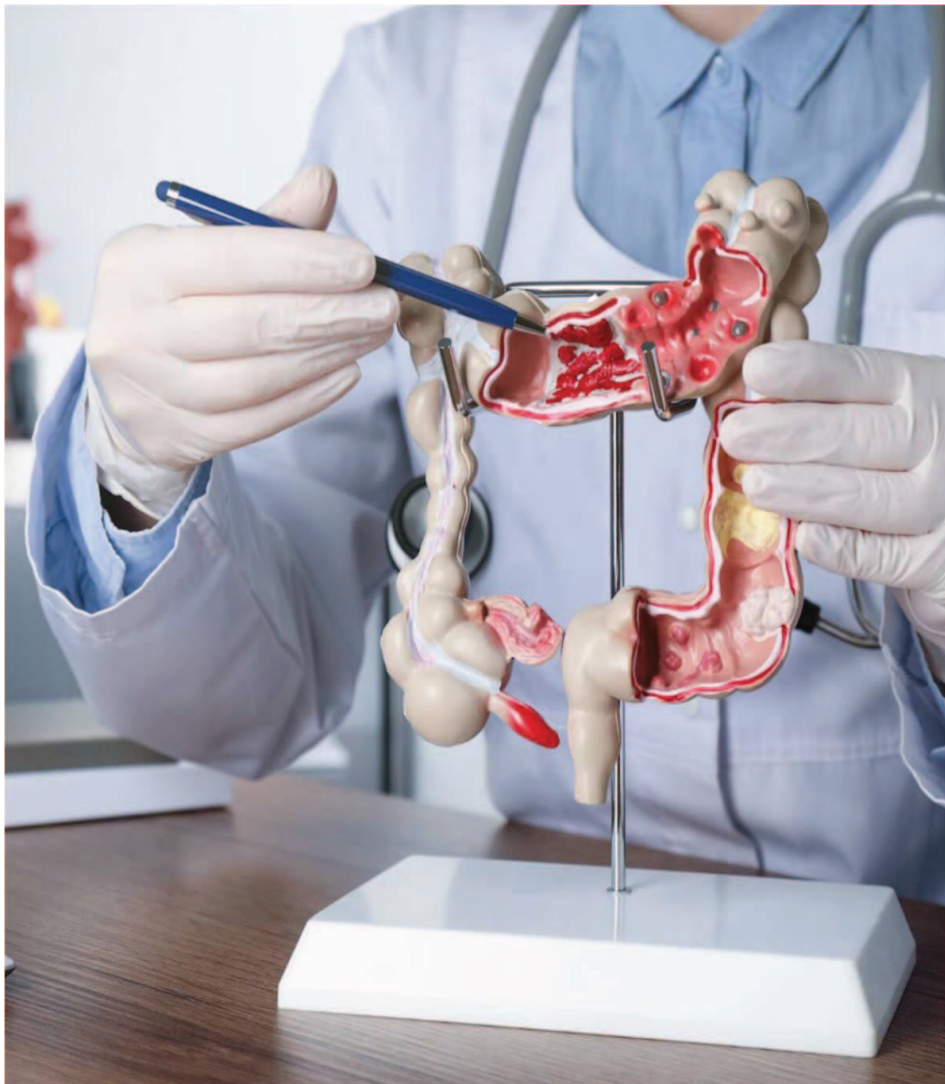
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More young adults are being diagnosed with gastrointestinal cancers

In addition to colorectal cancer, other tumors of the digestive system are also being diagnosed more frequently in people under 50, along with risk factors, warning signs, and advances in treatment.

June 2026 — You may have heard that colorectal cancer is increasingly affecting young adults. However, it is not the only gastrointestinal (GI) cancer that doctors are diagnosing in patients below the age of 50, explains Christina Wu, M.D., an oncologist at Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center in Arizona.

"People under 50 are not too young to develop gastrointestinal cancers," Dr. Wu says. "If young adults notice new or persistent symptoms, it's important to get them worked up."



At Mayo Clinic, early-onset gastrointestinal cancers are defined as GI cancers diagnosed in people under 50 years old. Research shows that the most common type of early-onset GI cancer worldwide is colorectal cancer, followed by stomach cancer, esophageal cancer and pancreatic cancer. Less common types of early-onset GI cancers include bile duct, gallbladder, appendix, neuroendocrine and small bowel cancers.

"More research needs to be done to understand what causes the rise in incidence of early-onset GI cancers," Dr. Wu says. "We know that certain factors can increase the risk of developing GI cancers, and early detection gives patients a better chance of successful treatment."

Risk factors

Several factors can increase the risk of developing early-onset GI cancers, including genetic conditions, chronic diseases and lifestyle:

- Lynch syndrome and familial adenomatous polyposis are hereditary conditions that are associated with an increased risk of early-onset colorectal cancers.

- Inflammatory bowel disease and primary sclerosing cholangitis can increase the risk of developing GI cancers such as colorectal cancer and cholangiocarcinoma, respectively.

- A sedentary lifestyle, obesity, diets high in processed foods, alcohol consumption, smoking and environmental exposures may be associated with an increased risk of GI cancers.

Early detection and symptoms

Recommendations for when people at average risk for colorectal cancer should be screened vary by country but generally start in their 40s or early 50s. In the U.S., colorectal cancer screening is recommended to start at age 45 for people at average risk; people with risk factors such as a family history of colorectal cancer may need to start screening earlier.

Having a primary care clinician, getting regular health checkups and discussing any health concerns with a healthcare professional can help determine what screening or tests may be needed, depending on individual risk factors.

In some cases, symptoms of early-onset GI cancers may present and be associated with specific cancer types:

- Unintentional weight loss with jaundice and pain may indicate pancreatic cancer.

- Weight loss, pain, and difficulty eating or swallowing may be linked to stomach cancer.

- A persistent change in bowel habits, abdominal pain and iron-deficiency anemia may be associated with colorectal cancer.

"Any new symptoms that are persistent or worrisome should prompt a visit to a healthcare professional to get checked out. If symptoms are ignored or not investigated, young adults may experience a delay between when they first experience symptoms and a cancer diagnosis. Recognizing symptoms early is important," Dr. Wu explains.

Tailoring care for younger adults

Young adults diagnosed with GI cancers often need multidisciplinary care due to differences in cancer biology, as well as unique social and life-stage needs.

"Before starting treatment, we perform genetic testing and tumor profiling to identify mutations that may guide targeted therapies," says Dr. Wu. "These advances allow us to provide more personalized and effective treatment for our patients."

In addition, young adults may require support, such as fertility preservation and resources to navigate the emotional and practical challenges of a cancer diagnosis. Mayo Clinic's Early-Onset and Hereditary GI Cancers Program provides specialized, multidisciplinary care for this patient population.

Innovations in treatment

With advances in genetic testing and tumor profiling, cancer care teams can provide more personalized and targeted treatments, including immunotherapy in some cases, and identify patients who may be eligible for clinical trials. Analysis of the tumor helps guide treatment decisions and identify appropriate therapies.

For certain GI cancers, treatment may involve a combination of chemotherapy, radiation (including proton beam therapy) and surgery. Advances in treatment, including minimally invasive approaches and immunotherapy, are improving care for some GI cancers.

Mayo Clinic researchers have been exploring the use of artificial intelligence as an additional aid in the detection of GI cancers such as colorectal cancer and pancreatic cancer.

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The legal fight to get equal pay for Germany's disabled workers

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Getty Images A female worker testing a circuit board in a workshop
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Special workshops for disabled people employ 300,000 people in Germany

A test case before a German court could have implications for hundreds of thousands of disabled people in the country who currently work for less than the legal minimum wage.

The legal action has been brought on behalf of 57-year-old Jürgen Linnemann, who has spent all his working life in a "Werkstatt für behinderte Menschen" – a workshop for disabled people.

In English these would be called sheltered workshops, and in Germany some 300,000 disabled people work in them.

The workshops produce a range of goods for companies and brands that are often known internationally, but the people who make them are paid less than the minimum wage, less than a worker in the mainstream economy would be paid for doing the same work.

This is possible because disabled people in sheltered workshops are technically not employees. That means not only that the right to the minimum wage does not apply to them, but also that they do not enjoy other rights, such as the ability to join a trade union.

Linnemann is asking the court to rule that people like him should be treated as employees and be paid the minimum wage.

According to Hubert Hüppe, a former federal commissioner for the interests of disabled people, and a prominent critic of the workshop system, once you become part of what is a segregated system it's very hard to get out of it.

"You go from a special kindergarten to a special school and then into one of these sheltered workshops," he says.

This is what happened to Dirk Hähnel, now in his 50s, who spent most of his adult life in sheltered workshops near the central-western city of Paderborn.

He was sent initially to a regular school, but before long was transferred against his wishes to a special school. "My parents were told that a special school was the best choice," he tells me.

Later, when he was preparing to leave that institution, he was told his only option was to go to a workshop. "I didn't want to do that," he says.

So he tried to find an apprenticeship instead. He remembers one devastating job interview. "I told my potential employer that I had epilepsy and he said, 'we don't employ idiots here.'"

I have heard many similar stories. I myself was born blind, and remember very well my first school report, when I was six, which advised my parents to send me to a school for children with learning disabilities.

I grew up speaking both German and Arabic and constantly mixed them up, not understanding that they were separate languages. If my parents had not ignored that first school report, I too might have ended up in a workshop. Instead, today I'm one of only a handful of journalists in Germany with a visible disability.



Dirk Hähnel has spent much of his adult life in a workshop

Hüppe says the workshop system fails in one of its most basic responsibilities – to rehabilitate disabled people in order to prepare them to work in the mainstream economy.

"This responsibility just isn't taken seriously," he tells me.

The reason for that is in part the economic incentives that are offered to German companies to support the system. In Germany, any company that employs more than 20 people is legally obliged to employ at least one disabled person.

Larger companies have a minimum quota of 5%. Those who fail to meet this commitment have to pay a sum in compensation into a central fund that supports disabled people in the workplace.

Many companies choose simply to pay this money rather than meet their quota. They are offered a further incentive by the system, in that if they outsource production to a workshop the compensation they have to pay is reduced.

The result is that fewer than 1% of disabled people make a successful transition from workshop to a job with a mainstream company.

Hüppe also says workshops are reluctant to see their best staff move on. "Obviously a workshop is a commercial enterprise that survives on what it produces," says Hüppe. "And so obviously they want to hold on to their best workers, the ones that would have the best chance of making it out in the mainstream economy."

He points me to a 2023 report by the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which criticised Germany's record on disability.

Specifically, it noted "the high number of persons with disabilities enrolled in sheltered workshops and the low rate of transition to the open labour market".

Not everyone, however, is unhappy being employed in a workshop, including Medina Arnaut, 35. She works for one in Paderborn that is operated by a charity called Caritas.

Arnaut is also the chair of the local workshop council, which represents the interests of the workers in a similar way to a trade union.

"We have colleagues here who are so grateful that workshops exist," she says. "These are colleagues who quite simply need this workshop environment because

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Medina Arnaut smiles at the camera

Medina Arnaut says that colleagues are grateful that the workshops exist

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of their disability."

Arnaut adds many of her colleagues have worked in the mainstream economy



Karla Bredenbals looks at the camera

Karla Bredenbals says workshops must let staff move into the wider economy if they wish to

and the pressure there is completely different. "People come to me and say, I've experienced life out there in the commercial world and it made me sick."

Karla Bredenbals, the boss of the Caritas workshops in Paderborn, agrees that the rate of transition to the mainstream economy is too low.

"Quite often we'll find companies that, for example, don't have any accessible toilets," she says. "Or we might have someone with the potential to move on, but they are not able to use public transport."

Bredenbals acknowledges, however, that on occasion she does hear colleagues express reluctance to let the more productive workers leave the workshop.

"That's the one sentence that makes me really angry," she says. "When I hear someone say 'I can't let this person leave because I don't know how we'll get the work done without them'."

"Hanging onto people means we are robbing them of the chance to take responsibility for their own working lives."

On the question of workshop workers receiving the minimum wage, Bredenbals responds carefully.

"If you are talking about what it means to be employed and you are talking about rights, then you also have to talk about obligations," she says.

"Someone who is in employment is obliged to perform certain tasks, to perform to a certain level, as per their contract. But many of the people in our workshops are not in a position to fulfil these obligations fully, and we have to talk openly about this."

Linnemann's legal case is against a different set of Caritas-run workshops near the city of Münster, so separate to those where Karla Bredenbals works. It has been brought on his behalf by Berlin-based human rights organisation Gesellschaft für Freiheitsrechte (The Society for Civil Rights).

The next hearing at Münster Labour Court is due in September. A decision is not expected for a year.

Earthquake is devastating blow to Venezuela at time of uncertainty

Vanessa Buschschlüter - Latin America online editor



REUTERS/Gaby Oraa The mother and grandmother of a 18-year-old girl who is feared trapped in a collapsed building in Caracas wait as emergency workers look for her. The younger woman is holding her hand to her chest while clutching the hand of her mother. REUTERS/Gaby Oraa
Relatives of people trapped in the rubble are anxiously waiting for news

With the number of people killed in the powerful twin quakes which struck Venezuela on Wednesday still rising, there is no doubt that this natural disaster is a devastating blow to a country already mired in uncertainty.

It has been less than six months since Nicolás Maduro, the left-wing leader who had ruled the country since 2013, was seized by US forces in a dawn raid on his presidential compound in the capital, Caracas, and taken to New York to stand trial on drug-trafficking charges.

Venezuela has since been governed by Maduro's ally and former vice-president, Delcy Rodríguez, much to the chagrin of opposition supporters who had hoped the Trump administration would put opposition leader María Corina Machado in charge.

Rodríguez's response to the quake has revealed some of the things which have - and have not - changed since the January raid, as well as the many challenges facing the country's battered infrastructure.



Federico PARRA/AFP via Getty Images A general view shows apartments in a damaged building following an earthquake in Catia La Mar, La Guaira state, some 30km north-west of Caracas, on June 25, 2026. Federico PARRA/AFP via Getty Images
The extent of the damage was becoming clearer as the sun rose

Rodríguez addressed the nation on state television channel VTV more than two hours after the quakes.

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Prior to that, official information had been very scant, no doubt due to the fact

that communication channels to some of the worst affected areas were down. But it is also a result of restrictions placed on independent media under the Maduro government, which have led to the closure of hundreds of mainly local radio stations and news sites, which in the past would have been key to providing localised updates.

Rodríguez was flanked by her brother Jorge, who in his role as president of the National Assembly swore her into office as interim president just days after Maduro was seized, and by Interior Minister Diosdado Cabello, another staunch Maduro ally.

Unlike he so often did in the months leading up to the US military intervention, Cabello was not wearing military fatigues. He stood silently next to Rodríguez, as did her brother.

Rodríguez was visibly shaken as she delivered her speech, in which she called "first and foremost" for unity from the Venezuelan people, who for more than a decade have been deeply divided between those who supported Maduro, and his predecessor and mentor Hugo Chávez, and those who opposed him.

She also declared a state of emergency and tasked General Juan Ernesto Sulbarán, the commander of Venezuela's National Guard, with leading the emergency response.

During the more than a quarter century that Chávez and Maduro were in power, key positions in the government have been held by high-ranking military officers.

Many state ministries have for years been in the hands of generals, and analysts have said that part of the reason why Venezuela's infrastructure has become so run down is the lack of expertise of those in charge.

Under the watchful eyes of the Trump administration, Rodríguez has recently replaced the general running the ministry of housing with a civilian who has a degree in architecture and the general who headed the electricity ministry with an electrical engineer.

However, years of shortages - exacerbated by US sanctions - and mismanagement have meant that much of the public housing stock in particular has deteriorated.

A shortage of cement, for example, triggered by the collapse of the state-owned cement industry after its nationalisation under Chávez, has meant that badly needed repairs have often not been carried out on buildings and home, making them more prone to collapse.



Edilzon Gamez/Getty Images A man speaks to a paramedic in a demolished building at Los Palos Grandes after a magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck Venezuela and other regions in the Caribbean on June 24, 2026 in Caracas, Venezuela. Edilzon Gamez/Getty Images

The emergency services have long suffered from a lack of funding

The power and influence of the military over the past two decades also means that equipping it has often taken precedence over providing civil protection units with modern tools and vehicles.

Aware of these shortcomings, Rodríguez expressed her gratitude to foreign governments which have offered their help.

Among those she singled out was US President Donald Trump and his government, who, she said, had been "in constant contact with all our authorities offering support and solidarity".

She also said she had spoken to the presidents of the Dominican Republic and El Salvador, and thanked the president of Chile - all of whom lead right-wing governments.

While the offers of help are hardly surprising after such a devastating quake, the fact that Rodríguez is accepting them is a clear break from the policies of Maduro, who only accepted help from ideological allies.

"The solidarity between our people is an invaluable source of strength in moments like these," she said.

For all those Venezuelans waking up to scenes of devastation, and in particular for the relatives of those buried under the rubble, this openness to allowing in critical help will provide them with a ray of hope at a time of anguish and uncertainty.

Ministry Of Education Celebrates Completion Of Pre-Service Teacher Training



Basseterre, St. Kitts, Thursday, June 25, 2026: The Ministry of Education brought its annual Pre-Service Training Programme to a close with a ceremony held under the theme, “Transforming Education through Self-Renewal, Holistic Partnership, and Digital Solutions” on June 25. The event recognized the hard work and growth of individuals preparing to enter the teaching profession.

Chief Education Officer, Mr. Francil Morris, commended participants for their dedication and engagement throughout the training programme.

“I want to say how incredibly proud



I am of all of you. You stayed the course, you showed up, you showed resilience, you showed commitment, and you ensured that you were present every single day to journey with the Ministry of Education through this Pre-Service process. Over the last few days, you demonstrated your time, your energy, and your passion in sharpening your knowledge as to what it takes to be a teacher.”

Prospective teacher, Ms. Justina Iyobhebhe, reflected on the knowledge and skills she acquired during the training and how these experiences have strengthened her readiness for the classroom. She stated that each day came with challenges, but the information emphasized the fact that as a teacher, she must show compassion, empathy, and care to her students.

The closing ceremony served as a celebration of the participants’ accomplishments and underscored the Ministry of Education’s continued commitment to preparing competent, innovative, and passionate educators who will positively impact student learning across the Federation.

OECS Commission Welcomes Reappointment of Dr. Didacus Jules for a Fourth Term as Director General

OECS Media Release
25/06/2026

The Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Authority has



approved the reappointment of Dr. Didacus Jules to a fourth term as Director General, reaffirming its confidence in his leadership and continued commitment to advancing the OECS

integration agenda.

The decision was taken during the 78th Meeting of the OECS Authority, where Heads of Government commended Dr. Jules's distinguished service and significant contributions to regional development, cooperation, and institutional strengthening over the course of his tenure.

Since assuming office in 2014, Dr. Jules has played a pivotal role in advancing key regional priorities, including food sovereignty, digital transformation, healthier communities, and educational reform, while strengthening the OECS's capacity to respond to emerging challenges and opportunities facing Member States.

In approving the reappointment, the OECS Authority Former Chairman, and Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Honourable Dr. Godwin Friday, recognised Dr. Jules' strategic vision, dedication to public service, and commitment to fostering deeper regional integration and sustainable development throughout the Eastern Caribbean.

"The [reappointment] decision reflects the confidence of the Authority in your leadership and acknowledges your valuable contribution to the advancement of the OECS integration agenda and the continued strengthening of the Organisation. On behalf of the OECS Authority, I extend sincere congratulations on your reappointment and look forward to your continued service and dedication to the people and Governments of the OECS Member States."

As the OECS continues to navigate the complex geopolitical climate, the Authority underscored the importance of experienced leadership in advancing the Organisation's vision of a more integrated, resilient, and prosperous region.

The OECS Commission congratulates Dr. Jules on his reappointment and looks forward to continued collaboration in delivering meaningful benefits for the citizens of the OECS.

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LABOUR PARTY ANNOUNCES JULY 10TH, 2026 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF LETTERS OF INTENT

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts - Pursuant to the provisions of its Constitution, the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party wishes to advise Comrades that the period for the submission of Letters of Intent by individuals seeking consideration as prospective candidates will close at 5pm on Friday, 10th July, 2026.

Letters of Intent must be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Chairperson of the respective Constituency Branch, or delivered directly to the Office of the National Secretariat of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party on Fort Street, Basseterre.

Following the close of submissions, all Letters of Intent received will undergo review, vetting, and assessment in accordance with the Constitution and established procedures of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party.

The Party remains committed to a fair, transparent, and rigorous selection process designed to identify individuals who possess the leadership qualities, integrity, competence, vision, and commitment necessary to effectively represent their constituents and serve the people of St. Kitts and Nevis.

This process forms part of the Party's constitutional obligations and reflects its longstanding commitment to ensuring that individuals presenting themselves for service through the Labour movement are subjected to a thorough and merit-based assessment process.

For further information, prospective applicants may contact the National Secretariat at +1 (869) 669-2089 or via email at sknlpnatsec@gmail.com.

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St. Kitts & Nevis Artpieces And Literature Showcased In Masquerade Traditions Exhibition

(Dept. of Cultural Heritage, St. Kitts, June 24, 2026): Mocko Jumbies, the Police character in the Bull Play and a Masquerade scene made entirely of textile (cloth) were among the cultural performances frozen in time in unique art and in print at the Masquerade Traditions Art Exhibition currently running at the Shadwell Greathouse.

The Exhibit was launched with a classy and cosy Opening Reception on June 22 with a convergence of artists, volunteers, members of the public, stakeholders and coordinators. It will run until Saturday, June 27 at the Shadwell Greathouse between the hours of 10 am and 5 pm daily.

During Brief Remarks Coordinator Dr. Sarah Owen informed that after concluding discussions with HeritEdge Connections, a Barbados-based, Caribbean focused non-profit organization promoting access to tangible and intangible cultural heritage, the Exhibition was pulled together in short order. She made special mention of her assistant Mrs. Lori-Ann Peart-Phillip and volunteer Mr. Fidel O'Flaherty who addressed much of the logistics. Ms. Sabrina Warner was also acknowledged for using her visual arts training and

event experience to design the layout of the Exhibition. The Department of Cultural Heritage was also recognized as a partner in the initiative.

On the grounds of the plantocracy relic that has been transformed into a "Home for the Arts", Director of Culture Pierre Liburd took the opportunity to note the importance of preserving the Federation's Masquerade Traditions (Folklore). All artists who displayed their craft were applauded for rapidly coming

together to produce the splendid display that would be exhibited for a week and then safeguarded for posterity in the Department of Cultural Heritage's Archives and



contribute towards the Federation's representation on the Digital Library of the Caribbean on the website <https://dloc.com>.

Taking the floor, Mr. O'Flaherty took the opportunity to encourage attendees to sign a petition to the Government, requesting that two former enslaved nationals be granted the status of National Heros of St. Kitts and Nevis, specifically Marcus of the Woods and Betto Douglas. Throughout the period of the Exhibition, visitors as well are encouraged to sign the petition. He mentioned that unlike several other islands St. Kitts and Nevis was yet to add a former enslaved individual to its academy of National Heros.

The public as well were invited to bring their artwork and articles pertaining to the Folklore of the Federation during the Exhibition's opening hours to have them scanned and returned for Cultural Heritage's Archives and to add to the Digital Library of the Caribbean.

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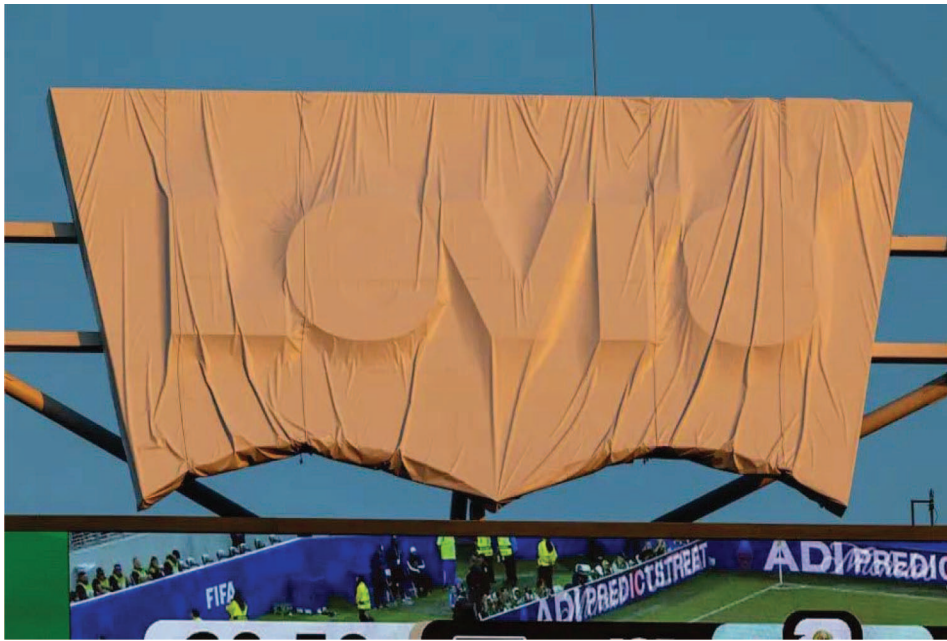
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How brands banned from the World Cup became the story



A tarpaulin over the Levi's branding at the Levi's Stadium in San Francisco Bay - Image source, Getty Images

World Cup stadiums have been asked to cover up sponsors that are not official Fifa partners

By Adam Britton
Sports marketing expert

Levi's was not supposed to be one of the biggest brands at this World Cup. Neither were Heinz or Beats.

In fact, Fifa has spent much of this tournament trying to make sure fans see less of them. Which is precisely why everyone seems to be talking about them.

Outside the Levi's Stadium in San Francisco, the iconic Levi's logo has been covered up with a white tarpaulin. Inside the press box, Heinz logos on ketchup bottles have been taped over.

Even players have not escaped - Germany's Jamal Musiala was photographed pre-match with masking tape covering the Beats logo on his headphones.

None of these brands are official Fifa sponsors, yet all three have found themselves at the centre of one of the World Cup's most unexpected stories - arguably generating more conversation than brands that paid millions to be there officially.

It's called the Streisand Effect - a phenomenon named after singer and actress Barbra Streisand, whose attempts to remove photographs of her home from the internet only increased the number of people who saw them.

When we try to suppress something, we often make it more visible, and Fifa appears to be living it in real time.

Protection, not pettiness

Football's world governing body is not doing this out of pettiness. It is protection.

Official sponsors pay huge sums for the right to associate themselves with the World Cup. Some partnerships are worth tens of millions of pounds.

Part of that deal is to protect official sponsors from other brands that seek association without paying for the privilege.

The logic is straightforward. If every brand could get the same exposure for free, why would anyone pay for exclusivity?

So Fifa built a system to control visibility. It can rename stadiums, control what players or fans can wear into the ground, protect language and even the tournament typeface.

But fan attention is slippery, and brands will always try to find a side door into the conversation.

It is known as ambush marketing - and Fifa has been battling it since 1994.

Fifa's brand battle

Back in 2006, Netherlands fans were told to remove their trousers before entering

a World Cup stadium.

It was not because of anything offensive - simply because they bore the logo of Bavaria, not Budweiser - the official World Cup sponsor.

Word quickly spread that a fan watched the match in his underwear, and the story went worldwide. Bavaria did not pay Fifa a single penny for that publicity.

By 2010, South African airline Kulula had been forced to withdraw a campaign referring to itself as the unofficial carrier of the 'you-know-what'. The withdrawal generated more publicity than the advert itself.

In 2014, Sony was an official Fifa sponsor and Beats by Dre were banned from every World Cup stadium and media event. Sony sent every athlete a free pair of headphones but star players wore Beats on the team bus, in training, through the tunnel... everywhere Fifa could not control.

Beats bolstered awareness by releasing a five-minute advert and while Sony paid for exclusivity, Beats had everyone listening.

Enforcement - not the sponsors Fifa sought to protect, or the brands it aimed to exclude - became the story.

Ambush marketing

The most interesting part of these stories is not the restriction. It is what happens next.

Heinz turned a taped-up bottle into a limited-edition product release. Beats posted Musiala's photo with the logo taped over, captioned: 'Spoiler alert: it's a b.'

It turned out to be a teaser for an unreleased headphone model nobody knew existed. Fifa had effectively handed Beats a product launch.

Levi's didn't run a stunt. It just let Fifa cover its logo and pointed everyone towards it. A single social post generated hundreds of thousands of interactions. One TikTok of the covered logo amassed nine million views.

Levi's has since rolled out the tarp logo across stores in London, Paris, Milan, Berlin, Hong Kong, Brazil and Mexico. The cover-up became the campaign.

Fifa's enforcement is not just generating publicity. It is generating content brands can amplify.



Some of Fifa's main sponsors on a poster

Image source, Getty Images

Some sponsors can pay up to tens of millions of pounds to be at the Fifa World Cup

Official v unofficial

It would be easy to conclude ambush marketing is simply more effective than sponsorship. But that misses an important distinction.

Levi's, Beats and Heinz won attention. Official sponsors are playing a different game. They receive rights, access, activations, hospitality opportunities and official association with one of the world's biggest sporting events.

Those benefits are difficult to replicate.

So sponsorship and ambush marketing are not really competing for the same thing.

One is trying to own the event. The other is trying to join the conversation.

Ambush marketing can win during the tournament; sponsorship can win the memory after it.

Right now, it's clear who's captured the world's attention.

Who retains it is a question that won't be answered until long after the trophy has been lifted and the tarp comes down.