







St Pauls Carnival CIC is proud to have delivered a wonderful programme of content for *Black History Month*, hot on the heels of its first ever 'Digital Carnival' in July. This is our opportunity to say thank you for all of your support and thanks to everyone who helped deliver Black History month and Spirit Up!

The following report shows the impact of BHM and is followed by an overview of what we have managed to deliver this year despite the global pandemic.

Our vision was to celebrate both African Caribbean culture and black history in a safe and engaging way.

Despite 2020 being a year of challenge, we are incredibly proud that we have found ways to reach our communities. Your continued support is even more important to ensuring our iconic and vital cultural event continues to take place and reach the community.

As we move towards Carnival in 2021, we hope to continue working with you, to help us develop and deliver the best event possible, as well as continuing to develop Carnival 365, our year-round programme of social and cultural education.

LaToyah Executive Director **McAllister-Jones**



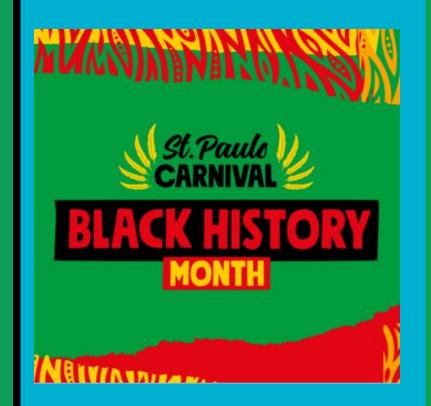


BLACK HISTORY MONTH

St Pauls Carnival is celebration. Black History Month is celebration.

Carnival is a day where Bristol, inspired by African-Caribbean culture and heritage, unites and creates a vision of what diversity can look and feel like.

Throughout Black History Month we looked at the origins of Carnival, the stories and meanings behind the dance, costume, song and spoken word traditions of this celebration.







CARNIVAL - KETCH A FYAH



Our action-packed programme of events shone a light on the under-represented history of our local, national and international Carnival.

We explored Carnival origins as a form of resistance to the dehumanising impact of the slave trade. Many of the dance and spoken word forms were born out of oppression and the spirit of resistance continues to this day.

In the year where both COVID-19 and Black Lives Matter cast a spotlight on inequality, Carnival's radical spirit is even more relevant.





CURATORS

Our co-Curators were Dr Edson Burton and Esther Afikiruweh, who brought together our incredible programme.

Between them, they helped us to overstand the origins of Carnival.

From Lyrikal Warriors to Education as Resistance speakers and back to the Black Environmentalists, our artists took to the stage, we danced, we moved, we spoke and we were HEARD.



"When you put on the costume of the character... you transform"

Norman Stephenson aka Rubba





THE NUMBERS

- 105,000 people reached
- 2,900 post engagements
- 336 NEW followers
- 19 different practitioners used
- 10 pre-recorded events
- 3 different venues
- 2 COVID-safe Live events
- 2 funding organisations
 - United Communities
 - Solon SW Housing



CARNIVAL WARRIOR DANCE SEMEGALESE DANCE

Batch Gueye presents a demonstration of dance inspired by Senegalese warrior traditions.

CARNIVAL WARRIOR DANCE

//Kabbo Ferdinand presents a demonstration of the roots of Capoeira in the martial arts devised by enslaved Africans in Brazil.

SAT 17 OC

DUVERT DEMONSTRA

Ruth Ramsay gives a hands-on guide to the pre-Carnival body paint art and celebration and its roots.

SUN 18 OCT, 6PM - 7.30PM @ BRISTOL OLD VIC

Discussion touching on the importance of education, which has been a vital part of Black resistance now and in the past, featuring, Aisha Thomas, Cathy Waite MBE, Esther Deans and Osel Johnson.

MON 19 OCT CARNIVAL WARRIOR DANCE

HIP-HOP DANCE

Winston Pyke presents a demonstration on the battle facets of Hip-Hop dance.

TUES 20 OCT

CARNIVAL WARRIOR DANCE REGGAE DANCE

Ripton Lindsay demonstrates the meaning and origins behind regge dance styles.

EDUCATION IS RESISTANCE

Digital event recording taken from live event.

FRI 23 OCT, 8.30PM - 10F

LYRIKAL WARRIOR

An evening celebrating the role of resistance through words in Carnival featuring; Muneera Pilgrim, Saili Katebe, Donna Pinnock and Kilaze.

SAT 24 OCT

A HANDS-ON GUIDE TO CARNIVAL DRESS & RESISTANCE

Ruth Ramsay gives a Grand Costume Update.

MON 26 OCT

BLACK ENVIRONMENTALIST

Panel discussion featuring Manu Maunganidze, outdoor educator and diversity consultant, Olivia Sweeney, Green and Black Ambassador and Ruth Ramsay Textile artist.

FRI 30 OCT

Digital event recording taken from live event.

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SAT 31 OCT FIX UP FA CARNIVAL

A HANDS-ON GUIDE TO CARNIVAL DRESS & RESISTANCE

The Grand Costume Final





SOCIAL MEDIA

Analysis of Black History Month gave very encouraging results;

Most popular content:

- Fairlawn School 365 video
- Vogue workshop
- Ruth Ramsey costume videos
- Winston Pyke dance video
- Capoeira video
- Programme announcement

- 230 new Facebook followers
- 41 new Instagram followers
- 65 new Twitter followers

Facebook Figures

- 46,535 views
- 2,900 engagements
- 570 page views

Twitter Figures

- 59.5K Impressions
- 514 Profile visits
- 90 Mentions





ARTISTS

The Black History Month featured the following artists and performers;

- 6 Dance Workshop performers
- 4 Spoken Word performers at Lyrikal Warriors
- 4 Speakers for Education Is Resistance
- 3 Models for Fix Up Fa Carnival
- 2 Black Environmentalist Speakers
- 2 Curators
- 1 Costume Maker

//KABBO FERDINAND (FILHOS DE ANGOLA) DANCE Capoeira Dancer

RIPTON LINSEY Choreographer / Dancer AYSHA CHAMBERLAIN Voguing / Ballroom Dance BATCH GUEYE African Dance

WINSTON PYKE & BEN NASH Hiphop Dance

LYRIKAL WARRIORS

MUNEERA PILGRIM Spoken Word SAILI KATEBE Spoken Word DONNA PINNOCK Tradtional Mento / Calypso KILAZE Hip Hop

EDUCATION IS RESISTANCE

CATHY LECOINTE Bristol Educationalist
AISHA THOMPSON Beyond the 26
ESTHER DEAKS Chair of the Commission on Race Equality in Education Group
OSEI JOHNSON Young Activist

FIX UP FA CARNIVAL

RUTH RAMSAY Costume Maker WINSTON PYKE Model DANDARA BROWN Model RUBBA Model

BLACK ENVIRONMENTALISTS

MANU EMMANUEL Speaker OLIVIA SWEENEY Speaker

"This is wonderful! I really need that happiness dance today!"





HIGHLIGHTS OF BHM

- Lyrikal Warriors @ Bristol Old Vic
- ☐ Fix Up Fa Carnival; Costume Reveal / Dance
- Education Is Resistance
- ☐ Fix Up Fa Carnival: Black Environmentalists











HIGHLIGHTS OF BHM





















ST PAULS CARNIVAL 2020 SOCIAL MEDIA SNAPSHOT



CARNIVAL 2020: THE NUMBERS

- 355,000 social media impressions
- 1,715 NEW followers
- 39 different artists used
- 34 Elders Brunches delivered
- 24 Pre-recorded videos
- 16 Volunteers
- 10 DJs
- 7 Funding Organisations

- 6 Partner Organisations
- 3 COVID-safe Live events
- 2 BHM Curators
- 2 New Board Members

Social Media Reach

- 835 new Facebook followers
- 557 new Instagram followers
- 323 new Twitter followers





CARNIVAL 2020: PARTNERSHIPS

Throughout the year, we have sought out new partnerships to develop our links with the arts in Bristol.



We were part of the summer Of content shown by <u>Bristol</u> Arts Channel



We worked with <u>Bristol</u>
<u>Festivals</u>, who helped
support & promote our events

TRINITY.

We worked closely with the <u>Trinity</u> <u>Arts Centre</u> who hosted the live stream of our digital carnival.

BRISTOL OLD VIC

<u>Bristol Old Vic</u> were also a new collaborating venue, who hosted two of our BHM events in October.





CARNIVAL 2020: PARTNERSHIPS



Outside of the city, we joined Locality, a national network of 1,000 members, offering specialist advice and learning to unlock the power of community.

As their 1,000th member we were invited to be one of their 'virtual visits' in the online conference "unConvention".



Key partnerships have been further strengthened with the <u>Bristol City Council</u> Safety Advisory Group who supported us with key aspects of our planning for the digital Carnival.

STILES



We have forged a stronger relationship with Studio Stiles,

our incredible designer, responsible for all imagery and logos.





CARNIVAL 2020: FUNDING SUPPORT

Carnival in any format would not be possible without the funders who support us. We have been lucky enough to have been supported by the following grants and organisations;



Arts Council England, who are our one of our biggest supporters financially.



Bristol City Council who also provide key financial support to the event.





<u>United Communities</u> & <u>Solon SW</u>
<u>Housing Association</u> supported Black
History month with their Coronavirus
Community Fund donation







<u>Places For People</u> supported Carnival with a donation towards technology and innovation.

THE **NISBET** TRUST

The Nisbet Trust pledged to support us over the next three years



<u>Total Produce</u> also contributed towards the running of digital Carnival



Putting music at the heart of Bristol life

Bristol Music Trust supported our Autumn Schools programme



Sovereign Housing also donated towards our online crowd funder campaign.
#BackYourCarnival





CARNIVAL 2021:

Following our successes with the 2020 digital Carnival and Black History Month programme, we are confident Carnival is in a better position for 2021.

Building on the love of Carnival and wider engagement, we are confident that a hybrid digital and 'live' events at community venues will be possible and lead to a brighter future for everyone moving into the post-COVID world.







WHAT THEY SAID

"We are missing St Paul's Carnival so much this year but super excited for the line up today. Thank you for all your hard work in keeping this celebration going strong!"

"This has been amazing, a wonderful mix of activities and such high quality. Well done to all involved, you are definitely spreading the carnival joy when it is needed most"





"My gratitude to you and everyone. Blessings and best wishes"

"I'm so delighted the Carnival will continue to be celebrated this year.... now more than ever. THANK YOU"





CARNIVAL 2021-WHAT NEXT?

- One week of digital Fringe events
- Continuation of Schools Programmes and aim for Secondary Schools
- Carnival Day: Hybrid digital/live event
 - COVID-safe and compliant
 - Socially distanced, seated events
 - Community venues / locations
 - Crowd control measures



"I took part in carnival when I was little... Well done to all involved in creating great online content"





















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