

PHOTO ESSAY SNAPSHOTS OF TRINIDAD CULTURE

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A deep desire to communicate forward Trinbagonian history and culture has become the prime motivator of photographer Shaun Rambaran, moving him away from a fifteen-year career in commercial work toward his passion topics of Trinbago Mas' and Carnival, stick-walking (stilt-walking), Moko Jumbie, Trinbagonian street-life and architecture. Among his favourite photography memories are photographing Moko Somököw's 2019 queen, 'Mariella, Shadow of Consciousness' during her first on-stage appearance at the 2019 Carnival Queen Preliminaries, meeting—and later interviewing—the legendary Moko Jumbie, Dexter Stewart, and interviewing Andrew 'Moose' Alexander, Masman and Maker for Peter Minshall, Keylemanjahro, and his own Watusi Jumbies. In 2019, one of Shaun's photographs 'Jab Madonna', which featured Moko Jumbie, Shynel Brizan breastfeeding her son, went viral across multiple social media platforms. In 2022, Shaun was among several other artists featured in Anim's Art Galleria's Carnival exhibition, 'Band Together' as well as The Rotunda Gallery's April exhibition, 'Universe'.

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FEATURING

Kaisokah Labour Day Walk San Fernando 19 June 2023

Although the well-known Labour Day walk organised by the Oilfield Workers' Trade Union (OWTU) from its San Fernando to Fyzabad offices had gone on pause during the Pandemic—and as such was not officially organised for 2023—several Moko Jumbies from Junior Bisnath's Kaisokah School of Arts still embark on the course. [Instagram.com/juniorbisnath](https://www.instagram.com/juniorbisnath)

Point Fortin Borough Day 6 May 2023

A range of Trinidadian Traditional Mas' characters danced through the streets on Point Fortin Borough Day 2023.

Traditional Mas' Contest 8 February 2023

Amphitheatre, Western Main Road, Saint James.



























