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Calypso Queen Soars High with Caribbean Airlines – Plane Named After Calypso Rose

Port of Spain, Trinidad – July 19, 2017 – The Government of the Republic Trinidad and Tobago names a Caribbean Airlines (CAL) Boeing 737 after “Calypso Rose”, Rose McCartha Linda Sandy Lewis, Calypso Queen of the World. The official plane naming ceremony took place on Friday July 14, 2017 at Hanger 10 Caribbean Airlines, Iere House, Golden Grove Road, Piarco.

The Honourable Shamfa Cudjoe, Minister of Tourism, speaking at the commissioning ceremony, praised Calypso Rose for her accomplishments, stating “From the time she entered the calypso arena at the age of 16 she has been breaking barriers and now at the age of 76 is still doing so.”

In February 2017, the seventy-six (76) year old Rose McCartha Linda Sandy Lewis—better known as Calypso Rose—won the award for Best Album in the World category at the Victoires de la musique (French ‘Grammys’).

Calypso Rose is the first woman to win the “Calypso King” contest in 1963, which was later renamed “Calypso Monarch” in her honor. She continues to have a very successful career in the Calypso and Soca industries; writing her first Calypso titled “Glass Thief” at the tender age of fifteen (15).

Calypso Rose is the first Tobagonian to be recognized by having a plane named after her. Hasely Crawford was the first Trinidadian to have a plane named in his honor, after winning the Olympic 100m sprint gold in the Montreal Games in 1976. Thereafter, 1977 Miss Universe Janelle “Penny” Commissiong-Chow and Olympian Keshorn Walcott had planes named after them in 1977 and 2012 respectively.

Lewis and Minister Cudjoe are both from Bethel, Tobago and in expressing how proud she was of Lewis’s accomplishments, Minister Cudjoe said “I grew up right down the road from Calypso Rose and I cannot begin to tell you all how proud I am of her [...] I am humbled and inspired by her [Calypso Rose] drive and energy.

As a young woman I can only hope to emulate in my role how she continues to stretch the boundaries as an artiste while still remaining true to her roots.”

The Ministry of Tourism and by extension the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, is proud of our Cultural Ambassador as she continues to represent our nation on the world stage.



Minister Cudjoe is pictured with Ministers Gopee-Scoon and Gadsby Dolly, Secretary Melville-Jack and Executives of Caribbean Airlines

Minister of Tourism, The Honourable Shamfa Cudjoe [second from right] is pictured with [from left to right] Caribbean Airlines CEO Ag Captain Jagmohan Singh, Secretary of Community Development Enterprise Development and Labour, Assemblyman Marslyn Melville-Jack, Minister of Trade and Industry, Paula Gopee-Scoon, Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts, Dr Nyan Gadsby-Dolly, and the Chairman of Caribbean Airlines Shameer Ronnie Mohammed on July 14, 2017.



Minister Cudjoe pictured with the Minister of Trade and Industry and the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism:

Minister of Tourism, The Honourable Shamfa Cudjoe (centre), is pictured with Minister of Trade and Industry, Paula Gopee-Scoon, (left) and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, Vidiah Ramkhelawan (right), on board Caribbean Airlines newly named aircraft 'Calypso Rose, Calypso Queen of the World'



Minister Cudjoe alongside Secretary Melville-Jack and the Caribbean Airlines team:

Minister of Tourism, The Honourable Shamfa Cudjoe (middle), is pictured with Secretary of Community Development Enterprise Development and Labour, Assemblyman Marslyn Melville-Jack and CAL executives and flight crew at the plane naming ceremony at Hangar 10 Caribbean Airlines, Iere House, Golden Grove Road, Piarco, on July 14, 2017.

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