

Leeds West Indian Carnival 50

'In case you don't know, I'll tell you. And if you've forgotten, I'll remind you. Carnival is a celebration of emancipation.

- ARTHUR FRANCE inspired by MALCOLM X



Pioneers of the First Carnival:
 ARTHUR FRANCE
 IAN CHARLES
 VERONICA + IRWIN SAMLAISINGH
 WILLIE + RASHEEDA ROBINSON
 GEORGE ARCHIBALD
 TONY LEWIS
 EDDIE VANTERPOOL
 ROSE MCALISTER
 KEN THOMAS
 CLEVE WATKINS
 ANSELL SHEPHERD
 GEORGE BABOOLALL
 GLORIA PEMBERTON
 ALICE GORDON
 COURTLAND CARTER
 MRS. MORTON

Steel Band Honour Roll
 CARIBBEANS STEEL BAND
 NEW WORLD STEEL ORCHESTRA
 GAY CARNIVAL STEEL BAND
 WILBERFORCE
 PARADISE
 INVADERS
 BOSCO
 ESSO

THE FIRST STEEL BAND CONTEST WAS JUDGED BY JUNIOR TELFORD AND WON BY THE ST. CHRISTOPHER STEEL BAND FROM BIRMINGHAM PLAYING THE ELIZABETHAN SERENADE. THEY COMPETED AGAINST THREE OTHER BANDS AT LEEDS TOWN HALL, INCLUDING THE GAY CARNIVAL STEEL BAND AND INVADERS FROM LEEDS



JUBILEE HALL 1967
 First Carnival Queen Show Competed by CLYDE AULYNE.

LEEDS CARNIVAL HQ
 THE CENTRE FOR ALL CARNIVAL PLANNING SINCE 2004.

Leeds West Indian Centre
 SINCE 1985



Leeds Costume Designers
 HUNDREDS OF ARTISTS AND MAKERS, OVER DECADES AND GENERATIONS, HAVE KEPT THE ARTISTRY AND JOY OF CARNIVAL ALIVE, HAVE TOILED AND SACRIFICED TO CREATE THE COSTUME TRADITIONS AND SPECTACLE THAT HAVE MADE LEEDS WEST INDIAN CARNIVAL ONE OF THE UK'S MOST ADORED EVENTS.



PALACE YOUTH PROJECT'S ICONIC MANDELA COSTUME FROM 1989.



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
 CARNIVAL EVENTS WERE HELD IN VARIOUS VENUES IN THE EARLY YEARS, SUCH AS THE DENTAL SCHOOL, THE REFECTORY AND LIPMAN HALL.

MILLENNIUM SQUARE
 CARNIVAL QUEEN SHOWS WERE HELD HERE FROM 2002 TO 2010.

ALBION STREET

MECCA BALLROOM
 THE CARNIVAL QUEEN SHOW WAS HELD HERE IN 1973 BY SIR TREVOR McDONALD.

Kitson College
 THE FIRST CARNIVAL FETE WAS HELD HERE IN 1966.

IN 1973, 17,000 REVELLERS PARADED IN A PROCESSION LASTING FOUR HOURS.

NORTH STREET
 REGENT STREET

PARADE TOOK THE CURRENT ROUTE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1983

West Yorkshire Playhouse
 KING AND QUEEN SHOW MOVED TO THE THEATRE IN 2014.

FIRST OFFICIAL MAS CAMP WAS ELMHURST MIDDLE SCHOOL IN LATE 70S AND EARLY 80S, THEN TECH NORTH IN 83-84, THEN RUTLAND LODGE IN THE LATE 1980S.

PRIMROSE HILL HIGH SCHOOL
 QUEEN SHOW AND LAST LAP DANCE WERE HELD HERE FROM 1977 TO 1984.



2016 CARNIVAL QUEEN CHARLIE CLARKE, AS THE BLACK SWAN BY UNITY CARNIVAL ARTS.

MASQUERADERS
 WITH FOLKLORE COSTUMES, MUSIC AND DANCE STEEPED IN AFRICAN HERITAGE, THIS CARIBBEAN TRADITION IS SOMETIMES CALLED JONKHOON. THERE IS NO MASQUERADE WITHOUT THE BIG DRUM, KETTLE AND FIRE! LEAD MASQUERADE, 'CAPTAIN' WENHAM, THE LATE KENNETH BROWN ON ELLIOT ON KETTLE WERE CENTRAL TO MASQUERADE IN LEEDS. JOINED BY ALBERT HENRY AND HENRY FREEMAN WHO STILL PLAY IN 2017.

West Yorkshire Playhouse

LAST LAP WAS THE FINALE TO CARNIVAL DAY AND FEATURED MAJOR SOCA ACTS TO ENTERTAIN REVELLERS.

CARNIVAL REFLECTS OUR AFRICAN ROOTS AND CARIBBEAN CULTURE IN LEEDS.

By 2016 it is estimated that Leeds West Indian Carnival has brought £55 million to the Leeds economy since 1967.

<p>1964 UNITED CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION FORMED WHEN 27 FOUNDING MEMBERS GATHERED AT 15 GRANDE AVENUE.</p>	<p>1965 CARIBBEAN ALL STARS STEEL BAND FROM LEEDS PERFORMED AND WON ON HUGHIE GREEN'S OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!</p>	<p>1966 FIRST LEEDS CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL FETE AT KITSON COLLEGE ORGANISED BY STUDENTS TONY LEWIS AND FRANCIE DAVIES, FEATURING JIMMY JAMES & VAGABONDS</p>	<p>1967 FIRST LEEDS WEST INDIAN CARNIVAL COMMITTEE FORMED. FIRST LEEDS WEST INDIAN CARNIVAL HELD. FIRST CARNIVAL QUEEN SHOW AT JUBILEE HALL.</p>	<p>1968 LEEDS TROUPES TOOK PART IN THE FLEDGLING NOTTING-HILL CARNIVAL.</p>	<p>1969 THE FIRST QUEEN WAS VICKY CIELTO IN THE SUN GODDESS COSTUME BY VERONICA AND IRWIN SAMLAISINGH. LORD SILKY WON THE FIRST CALYPSO KING-CONTEST.</p>	<p>1975 QUEEN SHOW WAS HELD AT CHAPELTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE.</p>	<p>1977 RYONDA WARD WAS THE FIRST CARNIVAL PRINCESS.</p>	<p>1982 CARNIVAL PARADE WENT DOWN REGENT AND NORTH STREETS BUT CUT OUT THE CITY CENTRE FOR THE FIRST TIME.</p>	<p>1983 PARADE TOOK THE CURRENT ROUTE FOR THE FIRST TIME. KOOLER RULER AND MAVRICK SOUND SYSTEMS PLAYED AT THE QUEEN SHOW.</p>	<p>1984 LAST QUEEN SHOW HELD AT PRIMROSE HILL HIGH SCHOOL.</p>	<p>1985 QUEEN SHOW MOVED TO LEEDS WEST INDIAN CENTRE MARQUEE.</p>	<p>1986 RHONDA WARD WAS THE FIRST CARNIVAL PRINCESS.</p>	<p>1987 FIRST PRINCE AND PRINCESS SHOW WAS HELD AT LEEDS WEST INDIAN CENTRE.</p>	<p>1988 TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY WITH 40,000 REVELLERS. PALACE YOUTH PROJECT'S ICONIC FREE MANDELA COSTUME MADE A HUGE IMPACT AND POLITICAL STATEMENT.</p>	<p>1992 TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY. FIRST JOUVERT PARADE.</p>	<p>1997 THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY.</p>	<p>1998 35,000 REVELLERS ATTENDED CARNIVAL.</p>	<p>2008 BRENDA 'SOCA B' FARARA BECAME FIRST WOMAN TO WIN THE CALYPSO MONARCH SHOW. TYRONE HENRY, AS PAN JUMBY, WAS CROWNED THE FIRST CARNIVAL KING.</p>	<p>2010 KING AND QUEEN SHOW WAS HELD FOR THE LAST TIME AT MILLENNIUM SQUARE.</p>	<p>2011 KING AND QUEEN SHOW RETURNED TO LEEDS TOWN HALL.</p>	<p>2014 KING AND QUEEN SHOW MOVED TO WEST YORKSHIRE PLAYHOUSE. INTERNATIONAL SOCA STAR, KERWIN DUBOIS, PERFORMED. POP UP CARNIVAL APPEARED AT THE GRAND DEPART OF THE TOUR DE FRANCE AND SCARBOROUGH SEAFEST. CARNIVAL AND CARNIVAL ARTISTS APPEARED ON 'SONGS OF PRAISE'.</p>	<p>2016 RECORD CROWDS OF 160,000+ ATTENDED CARNIVAL PARADE. ANONYMA WON BIGGEST AND BEST TROUPE ON CARNIVAL DAY. UNITY CARNIVAL ARTS WON CARNIVAL KING, QUEEN, PRINCE AND PRINCESS TITLES. BEST INDIVIDUAL COSTUME WAS WON BY SEPHBON CONDOR.</p>	<p>2017 CARNIVAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: ARTHUR FRANCE, BRIAN PHILLIPS, IAN CHARLES, STUART BAILEY, NORMA CANNONIER, BRENDA FARARA, MELVIN ZAKERS, DEBBIE JEFFERS, BRAINARD BRAIMAH, YOLA FREDERICKS. FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.</p>
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