



COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

NEW PROVIDENCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

IN COMMEMORATION

OF

**THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF INDEPENDENCE**

1973 - 2013



JANUARY 2013

- January 9th, 2013 - Pre Majority Rule Day Ecumenical Church Service
Bethel Baptist Church,
Meeting Street
Nassau, New Providence
- January 10th, 2013 - Special Assembly at all Schools Throughout
The Commonwealth of The Bahamas
Message by H.E. Arthur Foulkes to be read
- January 10, 2013 - 46th Anniversary of Majority Rule Exhibition
Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre
College of The Bahamas
Oakes Field Campus
- * January 26th, - 41st Annual Red Cross Ball
Crystal Ballroom
Wyndham, Nassau Resort
Theme: Celebrating 40 years of Bahamas Independence
with Glitz & Glamour

* **Endorsed by National Independence Committee**

FEBRUARY 2013

* Monday 4th February – Bahamas Cricket Association will host International Cricket Council (ICC) Americas Division 2 International Cricket Tournament Haynes Oval, West Bay St.

Visiting Teams: Argentina, Bahamas, Belize, Panama, Turks Island

* Saturday 23rd February - One Bahamas “Walk for Unity”
Co. Chaired by: Sir Orville Turnquest & Sir Durward Knowles

* Saturday 23rd February - Unveiling Ceremony
The Jose’ Marti Memorial
Matthew Town, Inagua

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MARCH 2013

- 4th – 8th March - E. Clement Bethel National Art Festival – Dance Competition (Nassau)
- 5th –15th March - E. Clement Bethel National Art Festival – Dance Competition (Grand Bahama)
- Thursday 7th – 9th March - Bahamas National Agricultural, Agro-Business & Marine Resources Expo
- * Sunday 10th March - Inspirational night of music – with Canon Harry Ward
- Tuesday 12th March, 2013 - National Independence Committee
Official launch
Rawson Square
- Friday 22nd March - Cultural Ion Awards
- Saturday 23rd March - Culture in the Square
- Friday 29th March - 42nd Edition of Carifta Games
(1st April, 2013) Thomas A Robinson Sports Centre
- Sunday 31st March - Official Opening – Annual Carifta Games
Thomas A. Robinson Centre
- Kingdom Come Exhibition (National Art Gallery)

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APRIL 2013

- 2nd – 7th April - National Youth Choir Concert
- Sunday 7th April - Urban Renewal Musical Band Concert
National Center for the Performing Arts,
6:30pm
- Saturday 6th April - Papalo's Bahamian Music Festival
- 9th – 12th April - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
(Music Competition)
- * Saturday 13th April - The Islands of The Bahamas
Chris Brown Invitational Meet
Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium
Opening Ceremonies at 6:00pm
- Saturday 13th April - Theatre in the Park (Montague Constituency)
(see Ministry of Youth)
- Saturday 13th April - Nassau Village – Urban Band Performance
- Tuesday 16th April - Education Patrons Day Assembly (All Schools)
- Sunday 21st April - Royal Bahamas Defence Force Beat Retreat
33rd Anniversary
Down Town, Nassau, Bahamas
- 22nd – 26th April - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
(Eleuthera / Harbour Island)
- 23rd – 27th - National Family Island Regatta & Junkanoo
(Exuma)
- Saturday 27th April - Fox Hill – Urban Band Performance
- Monday 29th April - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
Competition (Ragged Island)
- Tuesday 30th April - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
Competition (Mangrove Cay, Andros)

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MAY 2013

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| Wednesday 1 st May | - | E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Competition (Moore's island, Abaco) |
| Tuesday 2 nd May | - | E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Competition (South Andros) |
| Friday 3 rd May | - | Heroes Ownership Summit – Women (Debbie Bartlett) |
| 3 rd – 5 th May | - | 9 th Annual Island Roots Heritage Festival (Green Turtle Cay, Abaco) |
| Monday 6 th May | - | E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Competition (Black Point) |
| Tuesday 7 th May | - | E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Competition (Berry Island) |
| Friday 10 th May | - | 33 rd Anniversary to commemorate the Sinking of HMBS Flamingo, Rawson Square |
| Friday 10 th May | - | Grand Bahama Amateur Softball Association Event |
| Saturday 11 th May | - | Urban Renewal Band Performance
Kemp Road Community Park |
| Wednesday 15 th May | - | RBPF Band - Launching of 120 Anniversary Commemorative Stamp |
| Wednesday 15 th May | - | E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Competition (Bimini) |
| Thursday 16 th May | - | E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Competition (San Salvador) |
| Friday 17 th May | - | E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Competition (Cat Island) |
| Friday 17 th May | - | Honoree Luncheon East Grand Bahama |
| 18 th – 20 th May | - | Mangrove Cay Andros Regatta & Home Coming Celebration |

- Saturday 18th May - Culture in the Square,
Rawson Square
10:00am – 7:00pm
- 18th – 20th May - Barretarre Festival & Regatta
Barretarre, Exuma
- Monday 20th May - Bahamas National Gospel Excellence Awards,
7:30pm
Wyndham Resort & Crystal Palace, Cable Beach
- 21st – 22nd May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
Competition (North & Central Andros)
- 23rd - 24th May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
Competition (Exuma)
- Thursday 23rd May - Goombay Festival (Elbow Cay, Abaco)
- Friday 24th May - All Grand Bahama Pride Day & Cultural Explosion
- Saturday 25th May - Parliamentarian Luncheon, Grand Bahama
- Saturday 25th May - Downtown 40 Fun Cultural Evening Festival
Grand Bahama
- Saturday 25th May - Urban Band Performance
Fort Charlotte Community
- Sunday 26th May - Church Service, St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church
West End, Grand Bahama
- Monday 27th May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
Competition (Rum Cay)
- Tuesday 28th May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
Competition (Crooked Island)
- Wednesday 29th May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
Competition (Acklins)
- 29th – 30th May - Showing of Documentary Film Womanish Ways
“Woman’s Suffrage Movement”,
Galleria Cinemas, JFK at 7:00pm
- Thursday 30th May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival

Competition (Mayaguana)

- Friday 31st May - 40 Day Count Down to Independence Launch
Rawson Square, 6:00pm
- Friday 31st May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
Competition (Inagua)
- 31st May - Showing of Documentary Film Womanish Ways
"Woman Suffrage Movement", Regency Theatre,
Grand Bahama, 7:30pm
- Starting May - Tell the Story – Ongoing Media Profiles of
Outstanding Grand Bahamians

JUNE 2013

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| Wednesday 5 th June | - | Official launch - Save the Water Tower Campaign, 10:00am, Water Tower, Ft. Fincastle |
| 6 th -9 th June | - | Cat Island Rake & Scrape Festival |
| Friday 7 th June | - | 37 th Annual Miami / Bahamas
Goombay Festival
Coconut Grove, Florida, U.S.A. |
| Friday 7 th June | - | National Flag / Colours Day |
| 7 th – 8 th June | - | Long Island Regatta and Junkanoo Festival |
| 7 th – 8 th June | - | Rush for Peace Junkanoo Parade
Freeport, Grand Bahama |
| 7 th -9 th June | - | South Andros Homecoming/Regatta |
| Saturday 8 th June | - | Gregory Town Eleuthera Pineapple Fest |
| Saturday 8 th June | - | Urban Band Performance
Englerston Community Park |
| Saturday 8 th June | - | Rush to Independence – II
East & Bay Street to Navy Lion Rd. 8:00pm |
| Monday 10 th June | - | Launching of the Sir Lynden Pindling Website |
| 12 th – 14 th June | - | The Bahamas at 40: Reflecting on the past,
Envisioning the Future
College of The Bahamas Special Forum |
| 13 th – 14 th June | - | Eleuthera Cultural Heritage Festival |
| 14 th – 16 th June | - | North Andros Crab Fest, Fresh Creek, Andros |
| Friday 14 th June | - | Rush to Independence – III
East & Bay St. to Navy Lion Road, 8:00pm |
| Friday 14 th June | - | National Flag / Colours Day |
| Saturday 15 th June | - | “A Celebration of Bahamian Composers”
JoAnn Callender In Concert |

- Friday 14th June - Mt. Tabor Full Gospel Church
Honouring 40 Fathers, Sheraton, Cable Beach,
7:00pm
- 20th – 23rd June - Ultimate Gospel Music Experience: BFM
7:00pm, Mrs. Patricia Bazard
- Friday 14th June - National Flag / Colours Day
- Friday 21st June - Rush to Independence – IV
East & Bay St. to Navy Lion Road, 8:00pm
- 21st – 23rd June - Grand Bahama Regatta, Taino Beach
- Saturday 22nd June - Urban Band Performance
Bain Town
- Saturday 22nd June - Theatre in the Park (Centerville Park)
- Saturday 22nd June - Culture in the Square
Rawson Square, Nassau
- Saturday 22nd June - Bahamas Salsa Social Network, 7:00pm
A Dance for Life Masquerade Gala Ball, Atlantis
- Sunday 23rd June - Patronal Festival of The Anglican Diocese &
Prayers for the Nation on the 40th Anniversary of
Independence
- 27th 30th June - Nassau Festival of Arts & Crafts, Music, Drama
National Art Gallery
- Friday 28th June - Heroes Ownership Summit - Men
- Friday 28th June - Command Performance Dion Cunningham
- Friday 28th June - Rush to Independence – V
East & Bay St. to Navy Lion Road, 8:00pm
- Saturday 29th June - Bahamas National Symphony Orchestra (BNSO)
In Concert, College of The Bahamas
- Saturday 29th June - Bahamian Festival, Botanical Gardens
- 29th & 30th June - National Fun Run Walk, (Various locations)

Sunday 30th June

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Renewal – Marriage Vows
(Rawson Square 6:00pm) Pastor Rex Major & Grace
Community Church

JULY 2013

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| Monday 1 st July | - | Prison Officers Pop Band Performance
Rawson Square, 1:00pm |
| Tuesday 2 nd July | - | Presentation of Coat of Arms by Junkanoo
Development Association, 7:00pm |
| Wednesday 3 rd July | - | Combined Dress Rehearsal (Police/Defence Force
Officers, 7:00pm |
| Thursday 4 th July | - | Rush to Independence – VI
East & Bay St. to Navy Lion Road, 8:00pm |
| Thursday 4 th July | - | United States Salute to The Bahamas
Fireworks at Sir Sidney Poitier Bridge |
| Friday 5 th July | - | National Pride Day, Rawson Square 10:00am –
3:00pm (National Tee Shirt Day) |
| Friday 5 th July | - | National Cultural Concert, 5:00pm until...
Thomas A. Robinson Stadium |
| Friday 5 th July | - | Variety Concert – Anglican Chorale, 8:00pm
Celebrating Bahamian Composes & Musicians |
| Saturday 6 th July | - | Centreville - Urban Band Performance |
| Saturday 6 th July | - | Sir Lynden Pindling Legacy Ball
Sheraton, Cable Beach, 7:00pm |
| Sunday 7 th July | - | Police Band Beat Retreat (Police/Prison/Defence) |
| Sunday 7 th July | - | Region Bells in Concert, Evangelistic Temple, 7:00pm |
| Sunday 7 th July | - | National Independence Cycling Championships,
8:00am |
| Monday 8 th July | - | Display of National Symbols Day |
| 8 th – 12 th July | - | Display – Constitutional Documents
Central Bank of The Bahamas |
| Tuesday 9 th July | - | Launch of “From Dat Time” Oral & Public History
Institute, University of The Bahamas, 10:00am |

- Tuesday 9th July - 40th Anniversary Celebrations
- Wednesday 10th July - People's Junkanoo Love & Unity Rush – 3:00am
- Wednesday 10th July - Culture Rama – St. Gregory's Church 10:00am until
- Wednesday 10th July - National Float Parade – 3:00pm (Clifford Park)
- Wednesday 10th July - Independence Reception – Government House
6:00pm – 9:00pm (By invitation)
- Thursday 11th July - National Art Gallery of The Bahamas (NAGB)
Unveiling of 60 portraits of the collection by Governor-General
- Friday 12th July - Independence Music Concert (Botanical Gardens)
- Friday 12th July - Luncheon – Sheraton, Cable Beach, 12:30pm
Honoring High Achievers under 40 years of age
- Friday 12th July - People to People Tea Party – Government House
(by invitation only) 3:00pm – 4:30pm
- Saturday 13th July - Bahamas Icon Awards Ceremony
- Friday 19th July - Rotary Club of Nassau Cocktail Reception & Art
Exhibition (Government House), 7:00pm
- 19th – 21st July - North Abaco Summer Festival & Power Boat Race
- Saturday 20th July - Cultural Explosion Show – featuring top local bands
- Friday 26th July - 40th Anniversary Gospel Celebration (Min. Kevin
Harris) Diplomat Centre
- Friday 26th July - Youth in Parliament – House of Assembly
Parliament Square
- Saturday 27th July - Battle of The Bands – Clifford Park

AUGUST 2013

- 2nd – 4th August - Rolleville Regatta (Exuma)
- Black Point Regatta (Exuma)
- Regatta (Cat Island)
- August Monday weekend - National Song Contest
- Saturday 17th August - Theatre in the Park (Fort Charlotte Constituency)
- Saturday 24th August - Culture in the Square
- 30th – 31st August - Indigenous Music Festival

SEPTEMBER 2013

- *Saturday 14th September- Prayer Breakfast (Sister, Sister Breast Cancer)
Sheraton, Cable Beach
- 16th – 27th September - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Art Exhibition
- Saturday 21st September - Culture in the Square
- 27th – 28th September - National Rake N Scrape & Quadrille festival
- Saturday 28th September - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Awards
Presentation

OCTOBER 2013

- 4th – 14th October - Shakespeare in Paradise Festival
- 11th – 14th October - North Eleuthera Regatta (Harbour Island)
- Saturday 12th October - Theatre in the Park (Yamacraw Constituency)
- Saturday 12th October - Coconut Fest
- Saturday 12th October - Old Fashion Gospel Concert
Thomas A. Robinson Centre
- Saturday 19th October - Culture in the Square
- National Heroes Month (JoAnn Callender)

NOVEMBER 2013

- Saturday 2nd November - Annual Guy Fawkes & Bonfire Celebrations
- Saturday 9th November - Culture in the Square
- 22nd – 23rd November - International Dance Festival
- Thursday 28th November - National Tree Lighting Ceremony (Rawson Square)
- Junkanoo Show Down – Category A Groups)
- TBD - NCAA's Women's Annual Junkanoo Basketball Jam
- 15th Annual Arts / Crafts Festival
- Nassau City Opera Company Remembrance Day Concert
- * - Global Fashion – Tribute to The Bahamas (Owen Bethell)

DECEMBER 2013

- Sunday 1st December - 12 Days of Junkanoo
- 6th or 7th December - Junkanoo Showdown – Category B Groups
- Thursday 19th December - Jr. Junkanoo Parade (New Providence)
- Wednesday 25th December - Sr. Junkanoo Parade (New Providence)
- Sr. Junkanoo Parade (Eleuthera)
- Thursday 26th December - 40th Anniversary National Junkanoo Parade