



## **The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited**

### **Media Release**

### **Launch of NGC Sanfest 2014**

**September 14<sup>th</sup> 2014**

The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC), in conjunction with the San Fernando Arts Council and the Department of Creative and Festival Arts (DCFA) UWI, announces the launch of the NGC Sanfest 2014, the 44th Annual Junior Arts Festival. This year, the festival which is themed, 'Reaching Out to the Arts for the Answers to...!', was launched on Sunday 14th September 2014 at the Creative Arts Centre, San Fernando.

Sanfest — created, developed and managed by the San Fernando Arts Council — has been giving talented primary and secondary school students from all over Trinidad and Tobago an opportunity to compete and develop in all areas of the arts – from music, dance, choral speaking and public speaking to the visual arts, steelpan and drama.

For 12 years, NGC, in recognition of the role the festival has played in developing arts and culture and its positive impact on youth development, has lent its support to NGC Sanfest by partnering with the San Fernando Arts Council as a demonstration of its commitment to the country.

Last year, NGC became the title sponsor, proudly renaming the festival the NGC Sanfest.

The launch featured performances by students including last year's Mr and Miss Sanfest, Marina Mohan and Rondell Mungal. Attendees included Dr. the Honourable Lincoln Douglas, Minister of the Arts and Multiculturalism; The Honourable Carolyn Seepersad-Bachan, Minister of Public Administration and MP for San Fernando West; Councillor Rondell Donowa, San Fernando City Corporation; Sharida Mohammed Rahaman, School Supervisor III, Ministry of Education; and Jessel Murray, Senior Lecturer and Head, DCFA.



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Speaking at the event, Cassandra Patrovani Sylvester, NGC Vice President Human and Corporate Relations, said NGC is very excited about the partnership because the festival allows them to not only fulfill Corporate Social Investment (CSI) goals, but also promote the talent of the nation's youth. "It is pure joy to see children and young adults performing on stage before an appreciative audience – whether in song, dance or drama. The art and essays produced give hope for the survival of the fine arts in Trinidad and Tobago," Patrovani Sylvester said.

NGC, the San Fernando Arts Council and DCFA encourages the public to come out and support T&T's young students as they display their talent from September 17th-November 18th at venues across the nation. The NGC Sanfest 2014 syllabus is available at the Creative Arts Centre, San Fernando and at all district offices. E-copies are also available from the NGC website: [www.ngc.co.tt](http://www.ngc.co.tt)

For more information, contact 657-7665/222-4612 or view the NGC Sanfest Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NGCsanfest> and website <http://ngc.co.tt/notices/sanfest-2014/>

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