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Media Release Mr. and Miss Sanfest

The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC), major sponsor of the National Junior Arts Festival (Sanfest), wishes to announce that the much-coveted **Mr. and Miss Sanfest 2009 titles** have gone to **Dellon Mathison** of La Romaine Secondary School and **Cherisse Collymore** of Gasparillo Secondary School.

The Mr. and Miss Sanfest competition is one of the highlights of Sanfest, which brings together talented young people from Primary and Secondary Schools throughout Trinidad and Tobago as they display their skills in music, song, dance, creative writing and the performing and visual arts.

This year, 15 students aged 13 to 15 vied for top honours at the Teen Talent Competition on Saturday October 10. The delegates first appeared as traditional Carnival characters and introduced themselves to a thrilled audience, performing as Baby Doll, Midnight Robber, Minstrel, Bat, Jab Jab, Pierrot Grenade, Fancy Indian, Bookman and Fancy Sailor.

They then gave their all in the talent round of the competition, with most delegates singing. Others danced or played the pan, and one performed a monologue. A knowledge segment followed, in which students were asked questions on current events as well as facts about the National Junior Arts Festival or San Fernando Arts Council, founders of Sanfest. The event even featured guest appearances by Mr and Miss Sanfest 2008, and the first ever Mr SanFest from 1998.

Apart from the main titles of Mr. and Miss Sanfest, participants were rewarded for outstanding performances as follows:

Best talent: Daniel Griffith from Pleasantville Secondary School, who sang 'Blessed', and Cherisse Collymore of Gasparillo Secondary School, who sang a calypso entitled 'How Sad'.

Best self expression: Dellon Mathison of La Romaine Secondary School, and Sherisse Collymore. They both portrayed Midnight Robbers.

First and second runners up, Mr. Sanfest competition: Daniel Griffith, of Pleasantville Secondary School, who sang 'Blessed', and Latiff Nabbie, 13 (the youngest entrant), from La Romaine Secondary who did an Indian dance.

First and second runners up, Miss Sanfest competition: Nalisha Mohammed, from Rio Claro Secondary School, who did a dance entitled 'Ram Leela' and Nihilett Blackman Thornhill, of the same school, who sang a gospel soca 'Christ is the Way'.

The Finals of Sanfest are set to begin on Monday October 26th and run until Thursday November 5th.

As sponsor, NGC encourages the Media's support and participation of this event, which has contributed so much to national artistic and cultural development through our youth.