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H. Lavity Stoutt's 30th Memorial Observed In Concert And Wreath Laying

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Hundreds came together on Sunday, 2nd March to witness a grand celebration by local and locally connected artistes' in a concert to honour the life of the Virgin Islands first Chief Minister, Hamilton Lavity Stoutt.

There were performances of his favourite songs, while songs written specifically to honour him at this event were also performed.

Alongside stage performers, there were video presentations, and tributes reflecting on the life of the visionary leader who believed in education and development of the Virgin Islands and its people. Special mentions and presentations of awards to recipients were also made by the Premier, Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley.

Following the concert, the Territory observed H. Lavity Stoutt Day on March 3 with the traditional laying of wreaths at the late Chief Minister's gravesite.

Three Wreaths were laid, the first by Premier Honourable Dr, Natalio Wheatley, the second by the leader of the Opposition Honourable Ronnie Skelton and the third by his daughter Ms. Peggy Stoutt.

H. Lavity Stoutt's birthday is observed on 7th March. The Virgin Islands, in keeping the tradition and preserving the icons of its culture honoured the memory of this visionary in grand style, celebrating his life, legacy and deep impact on the people of the Virgin Islands to this date.

The H. Lavity Stoutt Commemorative Committee, the Government of the Virgin Islands and the people of the Territory, are committed to continually honour the stalwarts of history, culture and nation building, through collaborative celebrations.

The following are the names of the honourees who were presented with awards at the concert.

1. Mrs. Janis Braithwaite-Edwards
2. Mrs. Eugenie Donovan-Glasgow
3. Mrs. Phyllis George
4. Mr. Russell Harrigan
5. Mrs. Beverly Hodge Smith
6. Mrs. Carolyn Stoutt Igwe
7. Mrs. Brenda Lettsome-Tye
8. Ms. Bernadine Walters Louis
9. Ms. Anne Lennard
10. Mrs. Eileene L. Parsons, OBE
11. Mrs. Gwendolyn Rubaine
12. Mr. Elmore Stoutt, OBE
13. Ms. Peggy Stoutt
14. Dr. Charles Wheatley, OBE
15. Mrs, Wisteria Donovan
16. Honourable Lorna G.

Smith, OBE 17. Ms. Sandra I. Ward 18. Mr. Linton Leonard 19. Mr. Ivor Fraser
20. Dr. Allison Flax Archer 21. Ms. Janice Stoutt 22. Dr. Lavon Chalwell-
Brewley 23. Dr. Angel Smith 24. Honourable Vincent Wheatley 25. Mr.
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