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Sounds of the Caribbean to Fill Broward County Governmental Center Lobby *April Celebrates Caribbean Carnival Culture*

On Friday, April 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the sounds of Carnival will complement the elaborate costumes already on display in the lobby of the Broward County Governmental Center (115 South Andrews Avenue) when Broward Caribbean Carnival, Inc. presents *Pan Appetizer*, a performance by Brian Henry, a one-man pan ensemble. Throughout the month of April, visitors to the Broward County Governmental Center have been greeted by a colorful display celebrating the sights of a Caribbean Carnival. On Friday, they will have the sounds of the Caribbean as well!

"Caribbean culture is vibrant here in Broward County," said Mayor Kristin Jacobs. "Music brings to life the rich history of this culture."

Mr. Henry was born on the island of Trinidad and currently calls Broward County home. He began playing the pan in the early 1970s with the *Merritones* before relocating to New York City in the late 1970s and playing with the *Brooklynaires*. He performed regularly at the Fountain Bleu Hotel in Miami Beach from 1987 to 1989, and appeared on the CBS Morning Show in the 1990s. Currently, Mr. Henry performs at Marriott Harbor Beach Resort Spa from Thursdays through Sundays.

Broward Caribbean Carnival, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that is planning a Carnival celebration in Broward County during the month of October. Approximately 171,000 Broward County residents, or 10 percent of Broward's population, are of Caribbean descent.

The monthly displays at the Broward County Governmental Center have now gone mobile. Mayor Jacobs has made arrangements to have these community exhibits travel to Broward County libraries as well.

"I want these displays to get as much exposure as possible. Throughout the year, these exhibits will be featured at our libraries in addition to the Governmental Center lobby," said Mayor Jacobs. "We want to bring the County exhibits to our cities so that people can enjoy them close to home."

February's Black History display has called the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center (2650 Sistrunk Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale) home since the beginning of

March. The March cultural display celebrating the Chinese Year of the Rooster is currently en route to the Northwest Regional Library (3151 W. Sample Road, Coral Springs).

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