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Enjoy the beat of the Caribbeans.

Thunderbird Artists, producer of the Arizona Fine Art EXPO, proudly present the nationally-recognized popular musicians, the Caribbean Cruisers.

Group Photo: left to right - Ray Moreno, Mike Riggert-Harris and director Richard Carbahol.



The Caribbean Cruisers, based in Arizona, is a select group of musicians specializing in the music of the Caribbean area. These styles include Calypso, Junkanoo, Soca, Latin, Reggae and Contemporary Jazz. The band's repertoire includes traditional Caribbean favorites from the various islands, jazz set in Latin and other tropical styles and popular American tunes arranged in Caribbean rhythmic styles.

The band's full instrumentation includes: Steel Pan, Lead and rhythm Guitars, bass Guitar, Drums, Percussion and Vocals.

Caribbean music, despite its apparent simplicity, has a complex rhythmic structure created by the blending of poly-rhythms unique to each island and its culture. Each cultural style has its own feel that is based on interlocking rhythm combinations which create the powerful pounding "Caribbean Beats" so popular today.



The Caribbean Cruisers have spent much time studying the music and culture of the Caribbean area and many hours analyzing and perfecting the melodies and rhythms involved. The Caribbean Cruisers are proud to present a musical product that is authentic in its cultural roots.

Calypso music originated and flourished in Trinidad in the early 1900's and quickly spread throughout the West Indies. Calypso rhythms began with the arrival of the first African slaves brought to work in the sugar plantations of Trinidad. Forbidden to talk to each other and robbed of all links to family and home, the African slaves began to sing songs. They used calypso, which can be traced back to West African kaiso, as a means of communication and to mock the slave masters. Its complex, syncopated rhythm clearly reflects traditional African rhythms. Today's Calypso is most celebrated at the Carnival in Trinidad.

WHEN: Sat, Jan 17, 2009 * 3:00pm until 5:00pm.

WHERE: In the Sculpture Garden of the popular Arizona Fine Art EXPO

LOCATION: 26540 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85255. We are located at the Southwest corner of Scottsdale and Jomax Roads (5 miles south of Carefree or 5 miles North of Loop 101 on Scottsdale Road). For more information call 480-837-7163 or visit us at www.ArizonaFineArtEXPO.com