



THE TRUTH

The Truth, previously known as, **Ossie Gurley & De Relatives**, is spearheaded by keyboard player and singer, producer, composer and sound engineer, Ossie Gurley. Ossie has composed and produced some of Soca's biggest international hits such as 'Who Let The Dogs Out' and 'Follow The Leader'. His accomplishments include four Road March titles, six Soca and Calypso monarch victories, and a string of other music awards. His OSS Productions' hallmark is originality, creativity, passion and musical ingenuity. Ossie's love for playing the keyboards, singing and showcasing his talents onstage led him to create his own band, **Ossie Gurley & the Relatives** in 1990, a band that backed many high profile international and local artists such as King Ajamu, Arrow, Sparrow, David Rudder, Ronnie Macintosh, Denise Plummer, Iwer George, Anslem Douglas, Denise Belfon, Baron, Sugar Aloes, Lord Nelson, and a host of others. They played in top venues such as Molson Amphitheatre, Convention Centre, Harbourfront Centre and Westin Harbour Castle. They were also featured at many local and regional events, including Toronto's Caribbean Carnival's Grand Parade, Centre Island Cool Down, CHIN Radio Picnic, Calgary's Carifest, and at similar carnivals held in

Montreal, Edmonton and Vancouver. Ossie himself has shared the stage with international music greats such as Dionne Warwick, Stevie Wonder and Marilyn McCoo.

In 2009, Ossie met and teamed up with Bayete Williams, a producer who had worked closely with Soca superstar, Machel Montano. Their goal was to create music that reflected their influences as Caribbean musicians living in Canada. The result is **The Truth**: an exciting new Caribbean dance band whose music is fused with R&B, Pop (Afro Pop), Jazz, and more.

The band also includes some stellar musicians, like producer and bass player Julian Griffith, who has played with Arturo Tappin and Rihanna. Julian studied bass guitar at Berklee School of Music in Boston and was recruited by Roberta Flack's Band and toured with her from 2009-13, performing at many major music festivals across the Americas. Since 2014, Julian has toured with international soca superstar Machel Montano and over the years, has also worked with a potpourri of well-known artists as Sir Cliff Richards, John Lodge, Patti Labelle, Boyz 2 Men, Livvi Franc, Tarrus Riley, Shaggy, Sean Paul, Beenie Man, Pitbull, Kes, Elan Trotman and Ralph McDonald.

The Truth's other outstanding musical talents are Joel Craigg on drums and Keron Trak Robinson, one of the most sought after percussionist in the Caribbean. Keron has worked with top soca artists such as Patrice Roberts, Farmer Nappy, Shal Marshal and calypsonians such as Lord Nelson, Explainer, BLAXX, Skinny Fabulous, Ziggy Ranking, Calypso Rose and David Rudder.

In the short time together **The Truth** has already performed at Afrofest in London, Harbourfront Centre's West Jet stage, Festival of Friends in Gage Park (Hamilton), Beaches Jazz Festival, Ontario Place, Montreal Carifest, Edmonton's Cariwest and Calgary's Carifest, just to name a few.