

Bajan culture for folks in Boston

BARBADIANS and Americans in Boston, Hartford and Washington, will be treated to a taste of Barbadian culture when the Pinelands Creative Workshop serves up its fare during a tour of the United States this month.

Twenty-six members of the group left Friday for Boston, the first stop on the tour, where they will perform at the Massachusetts Arts College. They were accompanied by parliamentary representative Dr. Erskine Simmons who will attend the two performances in Boston.

Simmons said the youngsters were making an important statement as many people believed that people from working-class areas could not appreciate the arts.

"This shows that they can not only appreciate the arts, they can express them," he said.

The group will spend six days in Boston as guests of the Barbados Cultural Committee of Boston, which invited them to provide a new feature to the committee's independence programme.

After leaving Boston, they will give one-day performance on November 18 in Hartford, Connecticut.

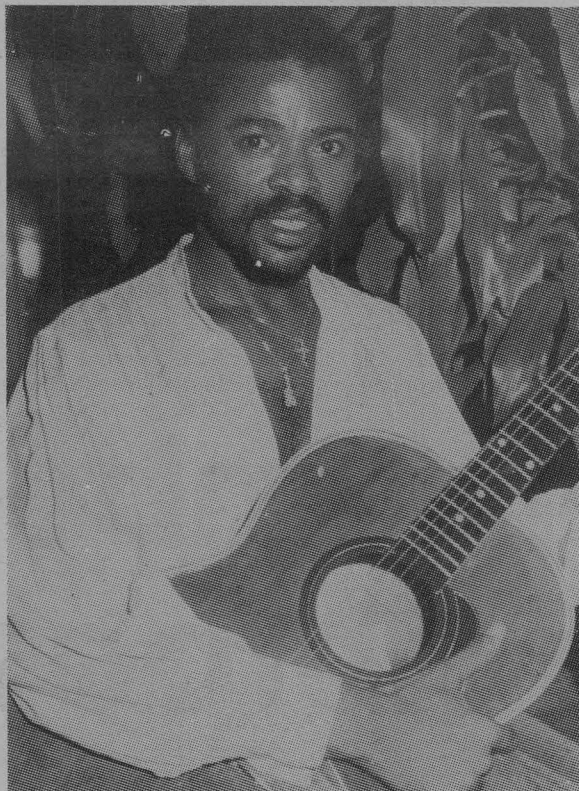
They will spend the remaining eight days in Washington where they will give another performance.

The youngsters also hope to hold workshops in schools and colleges while on tour, and plan to do their share of sight-seeing.

The group will perform Village Life, a play about traditional Barbadian life which was specially put together for the tour. The two-hour show incorporates material from productions performed by the workshop since it was formed.

The tour, planned to coincide with Barbados' 22nd anniversary of Independence, also forms part of the group's tenth anniversary celebrations. The Pinelands Creative Workshop hopes to make the tour an annual event.

Village Life is aimed at Barbadians living abroad, "but we hope to win over a few Americans", said co-ordinator Rodney Grant, adding that the tour could also be seen as a promotional venture.



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The course, which is designed to meet the special needs of small businesses, would be held at the Garrison Secondary School on Saturdays beginning November 19 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The programme, which would be funded by the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) will continue for ten weeks.

Open day

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