

Meet Etienne!



Bonjou, Musical Explorers!

My name is Etienne, and I am a singer and trumpet player from the island of Trinidad. Trinidad is famous for its Carnival, and Carnival is famous for its calypso music—my favorite! Every September there is a big Carnival parade on Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn with lots of calypso music.

I can't wait to sing and jump up with you at the concert!

Ovwa,
Etienne



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We asked Etienne ...

What are your first musical memories?

At school, we sang in the choir from age four. Even before that, I heard calypso and many other styles of music on my parents' record player at home.

What is your favorite food from Trinidad?

My favorite Trini food is pelau. It's a one-pot dish with rice, beans, and chicken. So tasty!

Do you have a favorite Carnival character?

One of my favorites is Jab Molassie, one of the first characters I ever played. Jab Molassie is a devil—you smear your body with tar or grease, usually dyed in bright blue, red, or green.



Jab Molassie



steel band



pelau

Leaving from
Bensonhurst, Brooklyn

Arriving at
Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn

