

Personality	Biography	Dates active
Accra, George	Leader of the Hot Shots Orchestra	1960s
Abel, Lionel	Singer of the iconic song <i>Lonely Man</i>	1960s
Adams, Robert	Guyanese-born lawyer, actor, singer.	1930-1960s
Adamson, Gerald	Pioneering broadcaster and band leader	1930s
Allen, Matthew	School teacher and Broadcaster	1960-1990s
Alves, Bonny:	Musician, producer, and music video pioneer	1980s-present
Andaiye	Former Hazel Williams; leading member of the Working People's Alliance	1970s-present
Anthony, Frank (Dr.)	Current Minister of Culture, Youth, and Sport.	Current
Ault, Sonny (Major)	Military musician and prolific composer. Director of Music, Guyana Defence Force	1970s-1990s
Austin, Carl	Commissioner of Police	1960s
Bacchus, Michael:	Pioneering pop musician. Founder of The Heartbreakers	1950-1960s
Baird, Cicelene:	Educator, musician (composer), politician, government minister	1940s-1970s
Baksh, Sammy	Pop singer	1970s
Beaton, Norman:	The Four Bees	1950s-1960
Benjamin, Neisha	Pioneering Afro-Indi/Blend/Chutney singer	1970s
Benn, Brindley:	Politician, government minister, initiator of National History and Culture Week	1940s – 2000
Bennett, Randolph Harrison	Berbice-born military musician. Founder of the Guyana Defence Force Military Band	1950s-1980s
Bennons, Sam	Berbice-born steel pannist. Leader of Guyana National Service's steel band.	1970s-1980s
Benson, George	Pioneering recording engineer, first recordings of steel band music in Guyana (Patsy Peters' <i>Sharper Steel</i>)	1960s-1970s
Bernard, Deryck	Geographer, musician, author, academic, and Minister of Culture	1980s-1992
Betty of Non Pariel (ECD)	Noted singer of Indian Creole songs. Recorded <i>Dis Time Na Lang</i> with Peter Kempadoo.	1970s
Betty Dougla of Grove (EBD)	Noted singer of Indian Creole songs.	
Bevan, Gordon:	Pop singer who had a major hit during the 1970s.	1970s
Bhagwan, Moses:	Important politician. Member of the PPP and activist with WPA.	
Bishop, Rudy:	Politician, leader of the Chronicle Atlantic Brass (CASBO) and Steel Orchestra. CASBO toured globally.	1970s-1990s
Bisnauth, Dale (Dr.):	Theologian, scholar. His work on religion in Caribbean is considered as ground-breaking, Minister of Ed.	1992-1997
Brace, Ivan	Band leader of The Royal Ambassadors	1940s
Braff, Johnny:	Singer of iconic pop songs, est. a permanent place in Guyana's "Oldies" songbook and across the Guyaspora.	1950s-present
Bryan, Mark	Pop singer	1970s-1980s
Booker, Keith:	Youth leader and sportsman. Served as Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Youth, and Sport	2000-2010
Bovell, Cecil:	Musician and senior police officer, served as Director of Music and Bandmaster Guyana Police Force Band.	1990s-present
Bowen, P.B.C:	Organist at St. George's Cathedral, Georgetown	1940s-1960s
Briggs, A:	Member of British Guiana Militia Band and composer of marches	1920s-1950s
Broomes, Art:	Jazz drummer, member of Guyana Defence Force Band. Played on some of Guyana's iconic jazz recordings.	1950s-1990s
Bryant, Hawley (Rev.):	Pastor at Smith's Congregational Church and composer of the iconic <i>Song of Guiana's Children</i>	1930s
Burrowes, E. R.	Founder of the "Working People's Art Class." The E. R. Burrowes School of Arts is named after him.	
Burnham, Charwin:	Steelband pioneer and Deputy Director General, Guyana National Service.	
Burnham, Linden Forbes:	Major political personality in Guyana post-World War II. Guyana's first Executive President.	
Butcher, Basil:	Important Guyanese and West Indian cricketer	1950s-1970s
Cambridge, Cecil:	Founder member of the PPP and trade unionist	1950s-1970s
Cambridge, Joan:	Journalist, novelist, cultural worker and activist	1960s-present
Cambridge, Patricia (nee Smith)	Musician, professor. Director of Music in the Guyana Mass Games Secretariat. Prof in Scripps, Ohio University	Present
Cambridge, Vibert (Ph.D.):	Broadcaster, Scholar. Held several administrative appointments in Guyana. Current Professor Emeritus at OU	1960s-present
Cameron, Norman:	Educator, playwright, chronicler of Guyana's cultural history. Professor Emeritus, Mathematics at UG	1930s-1980s
Cameron, Pat:	Important female broadcaster and social commentator	1950s-1980s
Canary, Lord:	Calypsonian, also popular in Trinidad and Tobago. A.k.a. Malcolm Corrica. Min. of Ed. and Soc. Dev.	1950s-present
Caresser, The Mighty:	Trinidad calypsonian, 1st to tour British Guiana in 1930s. Famous song is <i>Peggy Dearie</i>	1930s-1940s
Carew, Jan:	Guyanese novelist and Professor. Important contributor to Guyana's anti-colonial struggle.	1940s-present
Carew, Pancho:	Important Guyanese disc jockey and entrepreneur.	1960s-2000s
Carter, John (Sir):	Important lawyer, politician, and diplomat	1940s-1980s
Carter, Sara Lou:	American wife of Sir John Carter. Revolutionized British Guiana fashion scene, radio show "Sara's Salon"	1950s-1960s
Carter, Martin:	Poet. His collection <i>Poems of Resistance</i> is one of Guyana's principal anti-colonial documents.	
Casimir, J:	Composer of marches	1920s-1950s
Chancellor, Bertie:	Important music librarian and radio host. Library at National Communication Network is named in his honor.	1950s-2000s
Chan, Neil:	Entrepreneur, cultural activist. Founder of Solo Sounds Int., promoter of Mashramani costume bands	1950s-2000s
Chapman-Edwards, H:	Organist at Christ Church, Georgetown and composer	1920s-1950s
Charles, Tom	Leader of Tom Charles and Syncopaters. Creator of "the Bhoom", informed by masquerade heritage.	1950s-1990s
Charlie, Bongo:	Session musician with GEMS Records, member of the Guyana National Service Culture Corps	1950s-1990s
Chase, Ashton:	Son of Sam Chase. Lawyer, author and one of the founding members of the PPP.	1940s-present
Chase, Sam:	Vaudevillian, comedian, and labor activist	1930s-1960s
Chhangur, Nesbit:	Composer of <i>Guiana Lament</i> , considered factor to ending 1960s racial violence in Guyana. "Singing Cowboy"	1950s-present
Chief, The Mighty:	Calypsonian, cultural activist of Amerindian heritage, created "CalyMari" (calypso+Mari Mari)	1970s-present
Chin, Godfrey:	Sportsman, cultural activist. His <i>Nostalgias</i> is an important survey of Guyanese post World War II social life.	1940s-2011
Chopperfield, Monica:	Calypsonian, a.k.a. Lady Guymine	1940s-2000s
Chung, Arthur:	First President of Guyana, former High Court Judge. Of Chinese ancestry.	
Cid, El	Popular calypsonian of the 1970s and recorded the iconic calypso <i>Local Dish</i>	1970s
Clarke, Hulbert:	Recording engineer associated with many important domestic recordings	1970s-1990s
Clarke, Oscar:	Minister of government, diplomat. Currently the General Secretary of the People's National Congress.	1960s-present
Codrington, Archie:	Former Mayor of Georgetown. Remembered for his outspoken nature	1960s-1980s
Coggins, Joe:	Shanto singer and musician	1930-1940s
Cossou, Mortimer (Rev.):	Pastor and composer of the iconic national song <i>My Native Land</i>	
Critchlow, Hubert:	Founder of trade unionism in Guyana	1905-1960s
Crombie, B.L.	Pioneering sports broadcaster on Radio Demerara	1950s-1970s
Crooner, The Mighty:	Euro-Guyanese calypsonian currently living in Canada	1970s-present
Crosbie, Ken:	Story-teller, theater director, broadcaster and founder of performing troupes "All awee" and "Dem Two."	1960s-present
Cummings, Aubrey	Singer, band leader, guitarist, and artist	1970s-2000s

Cummings, Percival:	Berbice-born lawyer, politician. Minister of Housing during Interim Government	1950s-1960s
D'Aguiar, Peter:	Businessman and politician, of Portuguese ancestry, anti-Communist founder of the United Force	1940s
D'andrade, Yonette:	Singer. Performed in The Future is Bright with Compton Pooran	1960s
de Abreu, Vincent:	First Guyanese Bandmaster and Director of the British Guiana Police Force Band.	1920s-1960s
Denbow, Claude:	Dentist and founder of a branch of the League of Coloured People in British Guiana.	1940s-1960s
Denbow, Frank:	Brother of Claude, trade unionist, and politician	1940s-1970s
de Varell, Bertram:	Founder of Tripoli, Guyana's first steel band	1940s-1950s
de Weever, Peter Moses:	Pioneering composer in Creolese, music educator, and music historian	1900s-1940s
D'Ivan:	Brooklyn-based Guyanese calypsonian	Present
Dookie, Kamal (Dr.):	Agronomist. Associated with the current phase of oil exploration in Guyana	1970s-present
Dolphin, Celeste:	Founder of "Broadcast to Schools" and editor of <i>Kaie</i>	1940s-1990s
Dolphin, Lynette:	Major figure in Guyana's cultural life.	1930s-2000s
Drepaul, John ("Slingshot"):	Calypsonian. Associated with The Lonely Bulls, a 1970s electric guitar band.	1970s-present
Dummett, Oscar:	Concert pianist in British Guiana	1920s-1950s
Dunbar, Rudolph:	Member of British Guiana Militia Band, Conducted symphony orchestras in London, Paris, NYC	1930s-1960s
Enchanter, The Mighty:	Pioneer of Afro-Indi beat and political calypsonian with close alignment with the PPP.	1960s-present
Etkins, Derry:	Guyanese musician and music educator	1970s-present
"Family Teach, Glen.":	Pop singer	1970s
Eversley, Ferdinand:	Pioneering broadcaster, pianist	1930s
Explainer, Lady:	Calypsonian	1980s
Feelings, Tom:	African-American artist who lived in Guyana.	1970s
Fernandes, "Gun":	Band leader of The Lucky Strike Orchestra	1940s
Forrester, Ivan:	Poet and painter of the hinterland experience	1950s-2010s
Forsythe, Victor:	Broadcaster, playwright, educator, founder of the Center for Communication Studies, University of Guyana	1940s-2000s
Fox, James:	Guyanese-born composer and music educator in the United States	1940s-2000s
Fraser, Roddy:	Saxophonist, journalist, associated with jazz revival in Georgetown	1960s-1990s
Fredericks, E.F:	Guyanese-born soprano.	1920s-1950s
Gajraj, Terry:	Chutney musician	1970s-present
Gajraj, R. B:	Founder of the Negro Progress Convention	1930s
Gaskin, Winifred:	One of the founders of the PPP. Diplomat and government minister	1940s-1970s
Geddes, Roy:	Steel band pioneer, founder of DEMTOCO Silvertones and of the Steel Band Museum	1950s-present
Gerard, Chuck:	New York based folk singer. "Discovered" during GUYFESTA.	1970s-present
Gilkes, Joan:	Pianist	1950s
Gilkes, Michael (Dr):	Literary scholar, poet, playwright, professor	1960s-present
Gouveia, Elsa (Dr.)	Pioneering historian of Caribbean experience. History professor at UWI, leading anti-colonial intellectual.	
Grant, Cy:	RAF pilot during World War II. Shot down over Germany, POW. Pioneered calypso singing on the BBC. Actor.	
Grant, Eddy:	Guyana's Superstar, Internationally acclaimed musician. Developer of Ringbang, archiver of calypso traditions	1960s-present
Grant, Freddy:	Leader of The Demerarians, was leader of band that accompanied Bill Rogers during his London recordings	1950s-1960s
Gravesande, Doreen:	Pop singer, first person to record a song ("Ting A Ling") accompanied by steel pan in Guyana	1950s
Greaves, Stanley:	Distinguished Guyanese artist, art critic, educator, Guyana Prize winning poet and "Guyanist."	1950s-present
Green, Eddie:	Steelband pioneer and regional civil servant	1950s-present
Green, Hamilton:	Athlete, politician, General Secretary of the PNC, Vice President of Guyana, current Mayor of Georgetown	1960s-present
Hamid, Ayube:	Influential broadcaster	1950s-2000s
Hamilton, Cleveland:	Lawyer, poet, and composer of <i>Song of the Republic</i>	1940s-1980s
Haniff, Mannie:	Impresario of Indo-Creole culture	1970s-1990s
Harewood, Harry:	Senior civil servant associated with the public information and organization of pre-independence elections	1940s-1970s
Harper, Douglas:	Guyana born and Sweden-based jazz pianist and composer	1940s-present
Harper-Wills, Doris:	Guyanese born and London-based choreographer, educator, and cultural activist	1940s-present
Harris, Joyce Narmella:	Pioneer of Afro-Indi/Chutney music	1960s-present
Harris, Wilson (Sir)	Pioneering novelist (magical realism). Nominated for Nobel Prize for Literature.	1940s-present
Harrison, Vivian:	Pioneering broadcaster	1940s-1970s
Hart, Rannie "Sweet Lips":	Member British Militia Band. Migrated to London during late 1940s and became an influential jazz musician.	1940s
Heath, Roy:	Novelist, poet, literary critic, lawyer, explorer of middle class life in pre-Independence Guyana.	1950s-2000s
Hemerding, Hilton:	Considered to have been an initiator of the new Guyana folk style with his patriotic song <i>Beautiful Guyana</i>	1960s-present
Henwood, S. W. (Major):	Bandmaster of British Guiana Militia Band. Exerted substantial influence on Guyanese musical life.	1930s-1950s
Hinds, Basil:	Educator, jazz program producer, and artist	1940s-1980s
Holder, Frank:	Guyanese-born, London-based jazz singer	1940s-2000s
Holder, Ramjohn:	Actor, folk singer. As "Pork Pie" he has carved a special place in British television history	1950s-present
Holder, Terrence:	Sportsman, broadcaster, strong promoter of Guyanese folk culture, launched the Guyana Folk Festival	1950s-present
Holland, Loris:	Guyana-born, Emmy winning music arranger	1990-present
Hooper, Eddie:	Pioneering Guyanese musician	1960s-1990s
Houston, Berkley "Lee.":	Pop musician	1980s-present
Hoyte, Desmond:	Served as Guyana's second Executive President of Guyana, returned free and fair elections to Guyana.	1950s-2000
Hubbard, Jocelyn:	One of the founding members of the PPP.	
Hylton, Jack:	Vaudevillian, comedian, and labor activist	1930s-1950s
Ishmael, Richard:	President of a trade union involved in CIA supported anti-PPP agitations of 1960s	1940s-1980s
Jackson, Rasleigh:	Educator and Diplomat. Served as Guyana's Foreign Minister for more than a decade	1970s-1980s
Jacobs, C. R:	President of the British Guiana East Indian Association, founding member of the PPP.	1930s
Jagan, Cheddi (Dr.):	Major personality in Guyana's post-World War II history, former President, founder of the PPP	
Jagan, Janet:	Politician, Journalist, Chicago-born spouse of Dr. Cheddi Jagan	
Jagdeo, Bharrat:	Longest serving President of Guyana. He completed his duties in 2011.	
Jarvis, Carmen:	Educator, Guyana's rep to UNESCO, leader of the Girl Guides movement in Guyana	1940s-present
Johnson, "Barney"	Public character with close affiliation to Guyana's steelband heritage.	
Johnson, Ken "Snakehips"	Swing-band leader, "toast of London" during World War II. Died during an air-raid in London during WW II.	1930s-1940s
Jonas, Pryor:	Educator, sportsman, sports journalist, broadcaster	1950s-1990s
Jones, Jim:	Leader of the People's Temple & Jonestown	1960s-1970s
Jones, Ted E:	Pop singer with the Rhythmaires	1960s-1970s

Joseph, Avis:	Educator and musician	1960s-present
Kahani, Rohan:	Guyana and West Indies cricket hero	1960s
Kaldor, Nicholas (Dr.):	Economist, developer of the Kaldor Budget which triggered the disturbances of February 16, 1961.	1950s-1960s
Kendall, W.O. R:	Politician, government minister, and diplomat	1950s-1970s
Kempadoo, Peter:	Journalist, founder of Jarai Productions, and pioneering “song catcher” during the 1970s.	1950s-present
“Kendingo:”	Calypsonian	1970s-present
Kerr, John Louis:	Founder of VP3BG and pioneering developer of radio transmitters.	
Khan, Alan:	Pioneer in a new Guyana folk style	1960s-present
Khan, Habib:	Comedian and singer	1950s-present
Khan, Rafiq:	Broadcaster, diplomat. Former GM of Radio Demerara, UNESCO’s Broadcasting Advisor to the Caribbean.	1940s-present
King, Denis:	Recording engineer with Radio Demerara and later with Atlantic Records, New York	1960s-1990s
King, Sydney:	Politician, composer, founder African Society for Relations with Independent Africa, name now Eusi Kwayana.	1960s
Knight, Alan J.	Bishop of Guiana and Archbishop of the West Indies	1940s-1960s
Knights, Charles:	Member of the British Guiana Militia Band and its successor the British Guiana Police Force Band.	1940s-present
Kwayana, Eusi:	See Sydney King	1960s
Lee, Vivian:	Pioneering radio program producer, film producer, sportsman, and politician.	1940s-2010s
Levans, Guitar:	Shanto musician	1950s-1980s
Lichtveld, Anton:	Suriname-born violinist and broadcasting pioneering	1930s
Lloyd, Clive:	Cricketer and the “winningest” Captain of the West Indies Cricket team	1950s-present
Loncke, Joycelynn (Dr.):	Scholar, academic, pianist	1950s-present
Lowe, Vesta:	Pioneering folk song collector and founder of the Dawson’s Music Lovers Club.	1930s-1970s
Luck, Ray (Dr.)	World-class pianist and music educator, first adjudicator of the Guyana Music Festival.	1950s-present
Luckhoo, J.A.	Lawyer, politician and patriarch of the influential Luckhoo family	1920s-1940s
Luckhoo, Lionel (Sir):	Son of J.A. Luckhoo, lawyer, anti-communist crusader, politician, and diplomat	1940s-1990s
Luyt, Richard (Sir):	Probably the last governor of British Guiana	
Lynch, Ivor:	Pop singer	1970s
Macaluso, Jennie:	Radio pianist	1930s
Martindale, Zeda:	Shanto musician and impresario	1930s-1950s
Martins, Dave:	Musician, cultural activist, founder of Tradewinds label. His <i>Not a Blade of Grass</i> is a Guyanese anthem.	1960s-present
Matamba, Lady:	Calypsonian	
Matthews, Marc:	Broadcaster, actor, poet, promoted “song catching”	1960s-present
Mayers, Harry:	Member British Guiana Militia Band, band leader, founder of Demerara Bauxite Company’s (DEMBA) Band.	
Mayfield, Julian:	American scholar, novelist, journalist, advisor to Forbes Burnham during early post-Independence era.	1960s-1970s
Maynard, Pamela:	Pop singer	1970s-2010s
McAndrew, Wordsworth:	Poet, actor, broadcaster who emphasized Guyanese folklore and the folk traditions.	1950s-2000s
McDavid, Elvin:	Minister of Information, Chief Political Advisor to President Forbes Burnham; Guyana’s Ambassador to USSR	
McGregor, Ruby (Mrs.)	Musician, music educator, founder of the New Amsterdam Music Society	1930s-1970s
McKenzie, Mike:	Influential pianist	1950s-1960s
McLean, Norman:	Leader of security forces; senior police official; Chief of Staff, Joint Services of Guyana	1960s-present
Melody, The Lord:	Trinidadian calypsonian who recorded in British Guiana on the GEM label	1950s
Mello, Jack:	Vaudeville comedian, radio broadcaster	1930s-1960s
Meneze, Mary Noel (Sister & Dr.)	Professor, Historian focused on Guyana’s Amerindian and Portuguese heritages.	1960s-present
Mohamed, Sonny:	Important broadcaster	1950s-1980s
Moore, Billy	Lead singer with the Four Lords and remembered for the iconic Christmas song <i>Happy Holiday</i>	1940s-2000s
Moore, Phillip	Sculptor, philosopher, Jordanite, his distinctive aesthetic is evident in the 1763 Monument in Georgetown	1940s-2010s
Mootoo, Henry:	Pioneering actor, producer, and production designer. Currently Director of Culture in the Cayman Islands	1970s-present
Narine, Kassri (“Kaytie.”)	Composer and singer of Indo-Creole folk songs	1960s-1990s
Nascimento, Christopher:	Communication manager, broadcaster, central to developments in public broadcasting sector in Guyana	1950s-present
Nelson, J. Humphrey:	Songwriter, journalist, and cultural critic	1970s
Nelson (“Nello)	Leader of the big band Nello and the Luckies	1950s-1960s
Nichols, Andy:	Pop singer	1960s
Nichols, Clem:	Member British Guiana Militia Band, composer of marches and classical music	1920s-1950s
Nobrega, Cecile:	Poet, playwright, composer, cultural activist, a statue in her honor exists in London	1940s-1950s
Noel, Frank:	Senior civil servant during the post-independence era.	1960s
Noel, George:	Singer and songwriter	1990s-present
Omawale, Abdullah:	American musician and “refugee” in Guyana	1970s
Osman, Rashid:	Journalist, culture critic, presenter of classical music programs	1970s-present
Parris, Gwen:	First female to become a Permanent Secretary (Ministry of Information)	1980s
Parris, Haslyn:	Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, musician	1970s-1990s
Parvattan, Oscar:	Lawyer, Calypsonian, and Magistrate. Performed as Prince Nehru.	1950s-1990s
Peters, Patsy:	Early steel pan virtuoso	1950s
“Pemya.”	Boxer, steelband pioneer, founder of Quo Vadis	1930s-1950s
Permaul, Nona:	First woman to lead an electric guitar band in Guyana	1960s
Persaud, “Satch:”	Pop singer	1970s
Pertaub, “Wicked.”	Calypsonian	1970s
Phillips, Roland:	Pioneer of new folk style, songs focused on the hinterland. His songs part of the national songbook.	1970s-2000s
Pieters, Edith:	Singer, music educator. Responsible for creating many influential student ensembles.	1950s-2000s
Piggott, John:	Senior official in the Guyana National Service and the agricultural sector	1960s-present
Pilgrim, Frank:	Journalist, satirist, and promoter of Guyanese folk folks, especially masquerade.	1930s-1990s
Pilgrim, Philip:	Composer, pianist. Composed <i>Legend of Kaieteur</i> , one of few Caribbean long-form classical compositions	1940s
Pilgrim, William:	Conductor, composer. Played a major role in the promotion of Steelband, masquerade.	1930s-2000s
Pollydore, Joseph:	Very influential trade union leader	1950s-1990s
Pooran, Compton:	Educator, singer (tenor). Played a lead role in Helen Taft’s “The Future is Bright.”	1950s-1980s
Prince, Sydney:	Musician	1950s-1990s
Professor, Mad:	Influential dub reggae musician, producer, engineer	1990s-present
Pyree, Pita:	Dancer, singer, pioneer of East Indian vaudeville traditions.	1940s-2010s
Quail, Iggy	Pianist, emigrated to UK (may be on Bill Roger’s UK recordings)	1950s-1990s

Rajah, The Mighty	Calyptonian	1950s
Ramphal, Sridath:	Lawyer, politician, diplomat. Guyana's Attorney General, Secretary General of the British Commonwealth	1940s-present
Rebel, The Mighty:	Influential calypsonian. Several times calypso champion of Guyana.	1970s-present
Reid, Ptolemy (Dr.):	Essequibo-born, Tuskegee-trained veterinarian and politician. Served as Prime Minister of Guyana.	1960s-1980s
Ricardo, Tony:	Pop singer, member of the Mighty Sparrow's entourage	1970s-present
Roberts, Desmond:	Senior official in Guyana's Armed Forces, raised Guyana's flag at Independence on May 26, 1966.	1960s-present
Rodney, Walter (Dr.):	Influential historian, political activist, author of <i>How Europe Underdeveloped Africa</i> , assassinated in 1981	1960s-1981
Rodway, Valerie:	The doyenne of Guyanese composers of patriotic music	1950s-1970s
Rogers, Bert:	Member of British Guiana Militia Band, band leader of The Aristocrats	1920s-1970s
Rogers, Bill:	Important Shanto singer. First Guyanese to sign a recording contract (with Blue Bird label, NYC).	
Rogers, "Young Bill:":	Son of Bill Rogers and current Chutney King of Guyana	1970s-present
Roopchand, "Bappie:":	Important bandleader of Indian popular music in Guyana	1960s-present
Roopnarine, Rupert (Dr.):	Academic, filmmaker, politician, co-founded Working People's Alliance. Now a parliamentarian.	1960s-present
Rose, Fred:	Leader The Swing Orchestra	1940s
Rose, James (Dr.)	Historian; Vice-Chancellor, University of Guyana; and current Director of Culture	1950s-present
Rowe, James Leonard:	Founder of VP3BG and pioneering developer of radio transmitters.	
Rukeza	Folk singer living in London	
Sanger-Davis, V. J.:	Promoter of the British Guiana Music Festival	1950s-1960s
Sam, Hugh:	Pianist, most prolific Guyanese composer of classical music, known for his variations on Guyanese folk songs.	1940s-2010s
Sanders, Ronald (Sir):	Broadcaster and Diplomat	1960s-present
Sandys, Duncan:	Politician involved in proportional representation	
Schultz, Rector:	Guitarist and composer	1950s-present
Scott, Ralph F:	Shanto singer, vaudevillian	1930s-1940s
Seales, Al:	Leader of The Washboards band and founder of GEMS Recording Studio.	1940s-1970s
Searwar, Lloyd:	Broadcaster, diplomat, senior public servant, and intellectual.	1940s-2000s
Seymour, Arthur J:	Poet, broadcaster, cultural administrator. Founder of Kaie, the pioneering Guyanese literary journal.	1930s-1980s
Sharma, C. N:	Owner of Channel 6 Television station and program pioneer.	
Sharma, Pandit	Indian who supported PNC. Established Maha Saba Culture Corps.	
Shaw, Cyril	Impresario from the 1940s to his death (2011). Brought performers into Guyana.	1940s-2011
Simon, Burchmore:	Leader of East Coast Connections, founder of Kross Kolours (full-service music company).	1970s-present
Simpson, Reggie:	Steel pan arranger. Migrated to Brazil.	1950s-1970s
Singh, Alice Bhagwandin:	Spouse of Dr. J. B. Singh and pioneer of urban East Indian performing arts.	1930s-1050s
Singh, Gora	Indian dancer/cultural activist/socialist culture	
Singh, Ishri:	Broadcaster	1950s-1990s
Singh, Jean:	Librarian at Bertie Chancellor library	
Singh, J.B (Dr.)	Medical doctor and leader of the East Indian community.	1920s-1950s
Singh, Rajkumari:	Poet, playwright, broadcaster, cultural activist. Founder, Mobile Theater of the Guyana National Service.	1950s-1990s
Sadeek, Sheik	Novelist, playwright	1960s-1990s
Slinger, Francisco:	The Mighty Sparrow	
Small, Barney:	Bandmaster, the Guyana Police Force Band. Associated with Caribbeanization of its repertoire	
Smart, James	Musician, band leader	1950s-1990s
Solomon, Joe:	Guyanese cricket star	1960s
Sookraj, Barbara	Singer	1960s
Spencer, Lew:	Band leader, The Rhythm Stompers	1940s
Sperry, Martin	Musician, composer, one of the organizers of Guyana's first music festival (Guyana Music Festival)	
"Spirwing"	Calyptonian	1960s-present
Stella, Lady	Calyptonian	1960s-present
Stewart, Wally:	Band leader	1940s
Sydney, James:	Broadcaster and programming innovator	1970s-1990s
Taitt, Clairmonte:	Violinist, Broadcaster, and actor	1940s-present
Taitt, J. D. (Mrs.)	Founder of the British Guiana Philharmonic Society and important cultural activist.	1930s-1960s
Taitt, Helen:	Pioneering dancer, producer of major theatrical productions	1940s-1980s
Taitt, Horace:	Psychiatrist and composer	1950s-1980s
Teixeira, Gale:	Politician. Served as Minister of Health, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport, and Presidential Advisor	1970s-present
Thomas, Basie:	Band leader and pianist	1950s-1960s
Thomas, Clem:	Leader of the Bongo Nights Orchestra	
Thomas, Clive (Dr.)	Intellectual, Economist, member of Working People's Alliance. Founder, Inst. for Development Studies, UG	1960s-present
Thomas, Sonny:	Band leader	1950s-1960s
Tillack, Bal Gangadhar:	Band leader (Tillack Indian Orchestra)	1940s-1960s
Vieira, Joe:	Sugar estate owner and public servant	1950s-1990s
Waithe, Keith:	Flautist, in Britain's jazz scene. Composer fusing Guyana's African and Indian musical traditions.	1960s-present
Washington, Rabbi:	Black American in Guyana during 1970s, founder of the House of Israel. Deported back to USA (Cleveland).	1980s-1990s
Watson, Maurice:	Musician (bassist) and composer, Director of Music for the Guyana Police Force Band	1960s-1990s
Whittaker, Harry:	Saxophonist, studio musician with GEMS, member of the Guyana Police Force Band.	
Wharton, Colin ("Bumble"):	Band leader (Bumble and the Saints).	1960s-1980s
Williams, Camo:	Steel pan innovator and cultural activist	1960s-present
Williams, Denis:	Artist, archeologist, anthropologist, author. Founder, ER Burrows School of Art.	
Wills, Fred:	Lawyer, sportsman, politician, and diplomat	1960s-1990s
Wooley, Alfred (Sir)	Governor of British Guiana	1950s
Yasmin, Princess	Chutney singer	1980s-present
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