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National performance spaces open for business

National performance spaces under the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts are open.

Queen's Hall, Naparima Bowl, the National Academy for the Performing Arts (NAPA) and the Southern Academy for the Performing Arts (SAPA) welcome patrons back to their facilities in keeping with the Public Health Regulations.

In addition to the health and safety guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health (MOH) for cinemas and theatres, these spaces follow health and safety guidelines created specifically for their industry but developed in collaboration with the MOH.

“We are cognisant of the need to provide people with an avenue to enjoy our culture and the arts. But we are equally adamant that this must be done at no risk to our health and safety, which is why Queen's Hall, Naparima Bowl, NAPA and SAPA worked with the Ministry of Health to come up with protocols for their spaces,” assured the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts the Honourable Randall Mitchell.

To further assist artistes and creatives, the rental cost of these spaces has been reduced by 50 per cent until December 2020. A number of shows, such as *Steelin' the NIGHT* featuring the National Steel Symphony Orchestra (NSSO), the National Theatre Arts Company and the National Philharmonic Orchestra, are scheduled to be hosted in these spaces.

Minister Mitchell said, “The technical and production teams must follow COVID-19 regulations. Administrators also insist on very strict protocols for patrons, so overall everyone is in a space that’s adhering to best practices.”

The full guidelines for the national performance spaces are available on the Ministry’s website: <https://bit.ly/2J98Vjh>