

Battle of the tents set to ignite Pic-O-De-Crop competition



Tent managers from left: Eleanor Rice (All Stars), Jerry Roberts (Stray Cats), Merle Niles (De Big Show), Winston Alleyne (Super Gladiators), Julie Sealy (Shining Stars) and Sharon Carew-White (House of Soca) drawing dates for the tent judging. (GP)

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PIC-O-DE CROP

TENT JUDGING SCHEDULE

POS	DATE	TENT NAME	LOCATION	TIME
1	Tuesday, July 16	Big Show	Garfield Sobers Complex	7PM
2	Wednesday, July 17	House of Soca	Garfield Sobers Complex	7PM
3	Thursday, July 18	Shining Stars	Garfield Sobers Complex	8PM
4	Friday, July 19	Super Gladiators	Daphne Joseph Hackett Theatre	8PM
5	Sunday, July 21	Stray Cats	Daphne Joseph Hackett Theatre	7PM
6	Tuesday, July 23	All Stars	Garfield Sobers Complex	7PM





The 2024 **Courtesy Garage Pic-O-De-Crop Competition** is set to begin next Tuesday, with 94 calypsonians from six tents ready to battle for a place at the National Botanical Gardens on finals night.

Tent managers recently met to draw dates for their performers' judging sessions. The week-long event will take place at two venues: the Garfield Sobers Sports Complex in Wildey, St Michael and the Daphne Joseph Hackett Theatre in The City.

De Big Show will open the competition on July 16 at the Garfield Sobers Sports Complex. Throughout the week, each tent will perform, concluding with **All Stars** on 23 July. Following the final performance, judges will select 17 finalists to compete

against the reigning Calypso Monarch, **iWeb**.

The competition has drawn a strong field of participants, with **All Stars** leading the pack with 21 performers, followed closely by **House of Soca** with 18, **Super Gladiators** with 16, and **Big Show** and **Shining Stars** with 15 each. Even the smallest tent, **Stray Cats**, brings nine talented calypsonians to the stage.

The **Pic-O-De-Crop Finals** are scheduled for August 2 at the National Botanical Gardens, where Barbados will crown its new calypso monarch. This event is a highlight of the island's cultural calendar, celebrating the rich tradition of calypso music.

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