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Haitian Carnival (Haitian Creole: Kanaval, French: Carnaval) is a celebration held over several weeks a year leading up to Mardi Gras. Haitian Defile Kanaval is the Haitian Creole name of the main annual Mardi Gras carnival held in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The parade is known as Kye Marr. Haiti's largest carnival is held in the capital and largest city, Port-au-Prince, with smaller celebrations taking place simultaneously in Jacmel, Aux Cayes, and other locations in Haiti. The annual carnival celebrations coincide with other Mardi Gras carnivals around the world. Haiti also has smaller carnival celebrations during the year that are separate from the main carnival. These include Rara, a series of processions that take place during the Catholic lent season, which has bands and parades like the larger main carnival, and also an annual Kanaval de Fleur, which takes place on July 7. Carnival Carnival 'Royalty' in Port-au-Prince Port-au-Prince's annual carnival is one of the largest Mardi Gras carnivals in the Caribbean and North America. The celebrations are funded by the government, corporations and wealthy Haitian families. [1] Haiti's version of the carnival season always starts in January, known as Pre-Kanaval, and the main carnival begins in February of each year. Carnival celebrations end at Mardi Gras, which is French for Fat Tuesday, also known as Shrove Tuesday. Mardi Gras is the Tuesday before the Roman Catholic holiday known as Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season, a bleak period of fasting and penance that precedes Easter for Catholics. The first Mardi Gras celebrations in Europe were a carnivalesque opportunity for people to indulge, celebrate, and even undermine authority in a permissible way, as part of the party. Mardi Gras enabled people to enjoy the joys of life before the start of the Catholic lent season, a period of 40 days and nights of fasting and penance leading up to Easter. The Catholic festival was introduced to Haiti and elsewhere in the Americas during European settlement. In Haiti, carnival is also strongly influenced by local customs, such as Vodou religious rituals, and Haitian music. The carnival is celebrated with music, bands and parades. Parades have floats, sometimes with children taking part in the celebrations. The floats usually have sound systems set up on trucks to play music to the crowd. Food stands selling barbecued delicacies and rum are a popular part of feasting. There are also comedy plays put on by the carnival participants, often satirical political topics. Revellers wear masks and costumes, as they do at other carnival celebrations in the Caribbean, North America and Central and South America. The parades make their way through the streets of and end with celebrations in the main square, Champ de Mars, located opposite the Palais national (National Palace), the former residence of the President of Haiti. Music is central to haiti's carnival. Haiti, perform zouk, rap kreyòl rap, kompa (Compas), and mizik rasin. The carnival is the largest annual event where bands can gain more public prominence and it offers the opportunity to perform at major concerts. Popular kompa bands take part in the carnival, such as T-Vice, Djakout No. 1, Sweet Micky also known as Michel Martelly, Kreyòl La, D.P. Express, Mizik Mizik, Ram, T-Micky, Team Lobey, Carimi, and Scorpio Fever performing for dancers on the streets of Champ de Mars. In Haiti there are also competitions between some bands, such as T-Vice, Djakout No. 1, Kreyòl La, Team Lobey and Krezi Mizik. Every year, tourists travel to haiti's carnival to enjoy it. History Carnival masks made of papier-mâché is prepared in Jacmel, 2002. The great official public celebration of carnival in Haiti began in 1804 in Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince. Carnival celebrations were traditionally considered sinful to Protestant Haitians, who were advised by their ministers not to participate. The celebrations were criticized for condoning sexually suggestive dances, profanity-filled plays, music lyrics mocking authority, and Vodou and kompa music rhythms. [2] In 1998, during the first and second days of the carnival, Manno Charlemagne, the newly elected Fannri Lavalas mayor of Port-au-Prince, sent armed men to the Oloffson to dismantle the float on which RAM was scheduled to perform in the annual Carnival 1998, which was known as the best Carnival organized since 1985. The mayor had taken offense to the lyrics of one of the band's songs, which he interpreted as an allegation of corruption. In a compromise, the band was allowed to perform on a bucket. However, the brakes on the truck were sabotaged and during the procession, the truck swerved into the crowd, killing eight and forcing members of the band to flee for their lives. [3] Celebrations were severely curtailed by haiti's earthquake of 2010, although they still took place on a much limited scale, with only a quarter of the usual budget. There was disagreement among Haitians as to whether it was appropriate to have the carnival at all in early 2011. The 2011 carnival featured many costumed performers satirizing dark themes than usual, such as the post-earthquake cholera epidemic and the need for humanitarian aid. [4] In 2012, the carnival was held on a larger scale and was a success. In 2015, celebrations nationwide were cancelled after the second day of a defile accident that claimed the lives of 18 people and injured 78 others. Creole carnival expressions Haitian Creole, based largely on the French vocabulary, with influences from African, Spanish, Portuguese and Carib languages, has a variety of expressions associated with its carnival The celebrations give revellers the chance to throw away their inhibitions, and the expressions encourage this:[5] low kò w: 'let go of yourself' mete men n' anlè: 'put your hands in the air' balance: 'sway' bobins: bobinen: souke: 'shake' sote: 'jump up' gouye: 'grind your hips' vole: 'jump up' Musicians from the Haitian diaspora in New York City and elsewhere often return to Haiti to perform at the carnival. There are also one-on-one fights between young men during the festivities. These are called gagann. Fighters are surrounded by a semicircle of supporters. [6] Rara Haiti has a unique traditional carnival, Rara, which is separate from the main pre-Lent carnival celebrations. Rara processions take place during the day and sometimes at night during Sunday, then culminate in a week-long feast that takes place at the end of Fasting, during the Catholic 'Holy Week', which includes the Easter holidays. Rara has its roots in Haiti's an deyò areas, the rural areas around Port-au-Prince. It is based on farmer Easter celebration customs. Rara celebrations include parades with musicians playing drums, tin trumpets, bamboo horns called craftsens, and other instruments. Parades also include dancers and costumed characters such as Queens (called renns), presidents, colonels, and other representatives of a complex rara band hierarchy, similar to the krewe organization of New Orleans Mardi Gras bands. [7] Rara is called Vodou taken on the road by Haitians. [8] Processions of female dancers follow male Vodou religious leaders, accompanied by drummers and trade bands, stopping at intersections, cemeteries, and the homes of community leaders. Rara rituals are public recognitions of the power of local great men in the communities. Money is given to the leaders of rara organizations and communities during processions. The integration of military costumes and dance moves into rara processions is also a recognition of the community hierarchy, and the popular belief that Vodou supported rituals, including rara, the success of the Haitian Revolution, and the continued well-being of Haiti. Rara band members believe they have made a contract with ghosts, and must perform for 18 years. If not, the sprits grow angry at them, and they will suffer a very slow, painful death. From 29 to 31 July 2012, Carnaval des Fleurs Michel Martelly organised another carnival called Carnaval des Fleurs (Flower Carnival). This event included popular local kompa bands. This event would have originated in former times, but no such celebration of carnival had been held since (at least) the transition to democracy in 1986. Koudyay Koudyay is a kind of spontaneous celebration in Haiti, similar to a carnival celebration. During Haiti's years under the dictatorship of Papa Doc Duvalier, the government sponsored koudyaye festivities as a means to distract the people of Haiti from economic and political problems, and to create a limited, sanctioned way for people to avert frustrations and riots. [10] Kompa carnival bands Carnival is a commercial event for Haitian musicians. Musicians have the opportunity to expand their audience by performing in front of crowds during the 3 days leading up to Ash Ash While Carnival bands can integrate many styles of music, compas is a common form used. In Haitian Creole, it is spelled kompa, but it is often spelled kompa. [11] See also Haiti Society Portal CarnivalEmanan Haitian Vodou drumming The Carnival Day Mardi Gras Music of Haiti Grass Rara Vodou References ^ Braziel, Jana Evans (2008). Artists, Performers and Black Masculinity in the Haitian diaspora. 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