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The Department of Culture saw the participation of more than twenty persons, during a workshop which focused on learning the traditional fungi music of the Virgin Islands.

The workshop marked the final activity in a resent cultural educational series, organised by the Department of Culture with support from the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College's Virgin Gorda Campus and the Jennie Wheatley Virgin Islands Studies Institute.

Deputy Director of Culture, Ms. Anne Lennard, extended special thanks to Ms. Bernadine Walters Louis, who facilitated the session, and expressed appreciation to all those who contributed to the success of the workshops over the past several months.

She said, "I wish to acknowledge the dedication of the various facilitators, including Mr. Kayron Todman and the members of the Razor Blades Fungi Band, Mrs. Arona Fahie Forbes, Mrs. Janice Nibbs Blyden and all participants who took the time to attend and engage in the sessions. These types of community collaborations demonstrate who we are as a people, it also serves as an opportunity to teach the younger generation, while keeping the Virgin Islands culture alive".

The Department also recognised the support of the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, BVI Finance, and the many individuals who assisted behind the scenes to make the series possible.

The Virgin Islands is celebrating Culture and Tourism Month throughout the month of November, observed under the theme, "Our BVI, Our Culture, Our Story".

The Department of Culture encourages everyone to participate and support the calendar of activities. Special highlight is given to the highly anticipated Cultural Food Fair, scheduled for Friday, 20th November, 2026, at Noel Lloyd/Positive Action Park. They look forward to the continued support of the

community in celebration and preservation of the rich cultural traditions that make the Virgin Islands unique.

The Department of Culture is responsible for preserving promoting and developing the culture, heritage of the Virgin Islands. Operating under the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sustainable Development. The Department plays a role in fostering national identity, creativity, and cultural expression.

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