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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**Boston Carnival is 35 Years old, and Photographer Michael C. Smith Launches an Exhibition, Titled "Streets of Color" to Commemorate the Occasion.**

Boston, MA (Sunday, June 08, 2008) – For 35 years the Caribbean community has been celebrating a Trinidad Style Carnival that attracts an estimated 500,000 visitors from around the USA and Canada every year. The photography exhibition "Streets of Color" by Photographer Michael C. Smith is designed to commemorate this milestone and pay tribute to its founder, past presidents and artisans.

In 1973, the residents of Boston were treated to a Trinidad Style carnival brought to Boston by bandleader, Trinidadian native and founder, Ken Bonaparte Mitchell. In that year the parade started at City Hall, headed down Tremont Street to Park Street, a distance of about one mile with a handful of spectators and a band portraying what Ken called "African Fantasy".

When Michael C. Smith, engineer, photographer and native Trinidadian, began photographing the events annually in 1983 the bands were larger, route extended to about 2.5 miles, included many more Islands such as Haiti, Jamaica, and Barbados and attracting an estimated 500,000 visitors to the community annually.

"Streets of Color" is a photography exhibition designed to bring the color, excitement and pageantry of the parade to an audience who normally do not have the time to attend the live events and parade. It's made up of 35 to 40 fine art photographs covering a three year span from 2005 to 2007.

"Streets of Color" will open on August 1st and run through August 31st, 2008 at Lesley University, Cambridge, MA (Marran Gallery) with an opening reception Friday, August 1st from 5:00 PM to 8:00PM. The Exhibition is scheduled to move to other locations throughout New England for one year and is free to the public.

At the reception, Michael will briefly talk about the history of Boston Carnival, the artisans and why he believes Boston Carnival has the potential to do for Boston what Macy's Day parade is doing for New York City. Persons wishing to attend the reception on Friday, August 1st, 2008 should contact Michael at 617-335-8085 for more information.

A list of upcoming venues is posted on our website. www.BostonCarnivalVillage.com/exhibition.html

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