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The Roots Junkanoo Group ([About](#))

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Born out of the collective energy of a group of young Junkanoo visionaries, the Roots Junkanoo Group first burst onto the Junkanoo scene in 1991. The group set out to break away from the traditional leadership paradigms of Junkanoo and sought to establish a new democratic model where each member of the group has a true voice in the leadership and direction and budding Junkanoo talent could be nurtured.

The group uses innovative methods of costume engineering and design including the introduction of 3-D Junkanoo costumes, which utilize every day materials such as cake boxes. The Group was one of the first to embrace the use of feathering to enhance the appearance and impact of costumes overall. While costume and dance are key elements of any Junkanoo parade, the leadership of the Group recognized that music was and is the heartbeat of the Junkanooer, so considerable focus was placed on music both on and off the parades. With a strong backline and trained brass musicians, Roots was the first Junkanoo group to produce an album featuring Junkanoo music. The group continues to embrace and mold Junkanoo artists of all ages and provide them with an outlet for their creative energies.