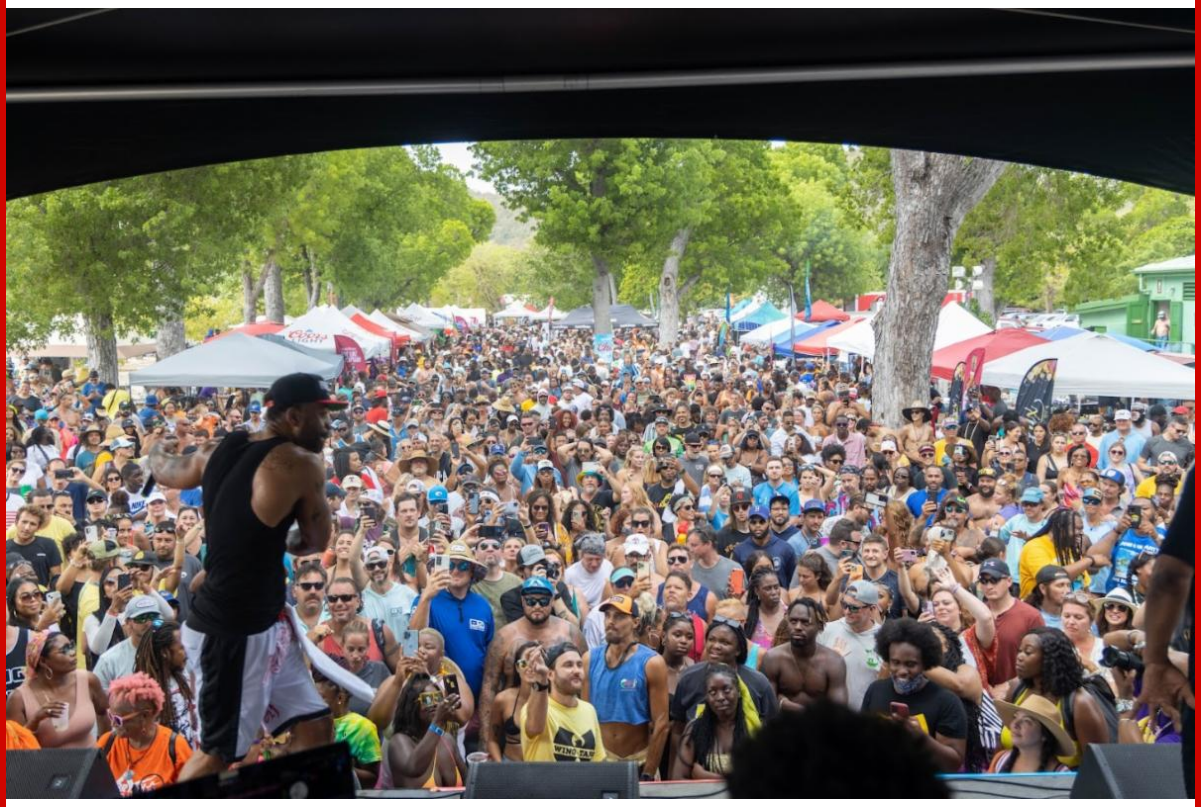
Press Release
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The 11th Annual King of the Wing competition sees record numbers!



June 23, 2022 - St. Thomas, VI - After a two year hiatus, the 11th annual King of the Wing (KOW) competition returned to Magens Bay with more participants and attendees than ever before! 8,000+ people descended on the chicken wing contest on Saturday, June 11th, 2022. 44 Teams consisting of the top local restaurants, businesses, organizations and chicken wing connoisseurs impressed the crowds with an exceptional variety of wing styles and flavors. There were 22 non-restaurants, and 22 restaurant teams, but ultimately, only one could be chosen as the King of the Wing.

Since 2010, this event has raised over $550,000 for local charities. This year's KOW benefitted the Virgin Islands Children's Museum (VICM) a 501 (c) 3 organization. VICM is dedicated to providing unique and meaningful experience through fun, high-quality exhibits and S.T.E.A.M. programs. The museum's mission is to bring children and families together in an interactive educational space where dynamic play inspires a passion for learning. The VICM set up their exhibits, games and entertainment for children to play and interact with under Shed #4, and offered membership discounts for new children during the event.

Local children also had an opportunity to be photographed with NCAA Women's Basketball star **Aliyah Boston**, who served as a celebrity judge for both the restaurant and non-restaurant divisions. Celebrity chef, and owner of Cote Korean Steakhouse (Miami & NYC), **Simon Kim**, judged both divisions of wings as well. The "Wing King," Drew Cerza did not

return this year, but still will include our King of the Wing 2022 winner in the National Buffalo Wing Festival, which takes place during Labor Day weekend at Highmark Stadium in Orchard Park, NY.

King of the Wing event goers also saw performances by **Pan in Motion**, the **Family of Jumbies**, veteran KOW DJs **JSmoke** and **Dhundee**, local **DJ General Kuntry** and the Grammy-award winning rapper, actor & producer **Method Man!** The entertainment electrified the crowd, and left people eager to see what KOW 2023 will bring!

King of the Wing is presented by Alpine Securities and White Bay Group with major event sponsorship provided the **USVI Department of Tourism, Coors Light and Captain Morgan,** along with many other sponsors and supporters. For more information, visit us at kowvi.com, facebook.com/kowvi or follow us on Instagram @kowvi. You may also contact Vernon Araujo at vernon.araujo@alpineusvi.com or call 340.626.3729. To learn more about the VI Children's Museum, you may send an email to vichildrensmuseum@gmail.com.

Congratulations to the
2022 KING OF THE WING WINNERS!

Overall Winner (King of the Wing):
Barefoot Buddha
Winning wings: Guava Sweet & Sour BBQ

Restaurant Division:
1st Place- Barefoot Buddha
2nd Place- Lake's Chicken Fry
3rd Place- Dog House Pub

Non-restaurant Division:
1st Place- Bacchanal BBQ / On the Go Physio
2nd Place- Vacation VI
3rd Place- Frenchie Frenzy

Best Decorated Booth:
Tropical Treasure Hunt

Special Seasoned Participant award to **Caribbean Saloon** for being the only team to participate all 11 years!

Thanks to all our judges and especially our celebrity judges Aliyah Boston and Simon Kim!

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King of the Wing & Restaurant Division 1st Place: Barefoot Buddha



Restaurant Division 2nd Place: Lake's Chicken Fry



Restaurant Division 3rd Place: Dog House Pub



Non-Restaurant Division 1st Place: Bacchanal BBQ / On the Go Physio



Non-Restaurant Division 2nd Place: Vacations VI



Non-Restaurant Division 3rd Place: Frenchie Frenzy



Best Decorated Booth: Tropical Treasure Hunt

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