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WORLD WIDE LIVE COVERAGE
Friday May 2nd 6.30 p.m.

**HOME-GOING SERVICE AND
CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF**

Wordsworth A. McAndrew
1936-2008

UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
121 NEW YORK AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY
(Between Dean & Bergen)

JOIN WORDSY'S FAMILY & FRIENDS
AT A CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE


ON THE WORLDWIDE WEB AT
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IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

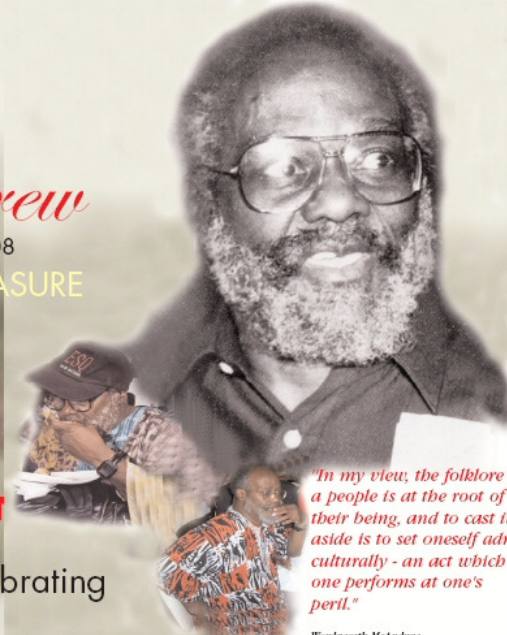
*Wordsworth
McAndrew*

NOVEMBER 22, 1936 - APRIL 25, 2008
A GUYANESE NATIONAL TREASURE



**POET,
FOLKLORIST, BROADCASTER
& CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGIST**

Dedicated his life to creating,
collecting, preserving and celebrating
Guyanese folk life.



*"In my view, the folklore of
a people is at the root of
their being, and to cast it
aside is to set oneself adrift
culturally - an act which
one performs at one's
peril."*

Wordsworth McAndrew

WORDSWORTH McANDREW

a national treasure, a man who for the past five decades dedicated his life

to creating, collecting, preserving, and celebrating Guyanese folk life, died today, Friday April 25, 2008 at seventy two at the East Orange General Hospital, East Orange, New Jersey after a short illness.

THE ELDER STATESMAN OF GUYANESE FOLK CULTURE, THE PILOT INTO OUR FOLK, IS NO LONGER WITH US

Wordsworth McAndrew was born in 1936 to Winslow Alexander McAndrew and Ivy McAndrew and grew up in Cummingsburg and Newtown, Kitty. He attended Christ Church Primary School and Queen's College. A Broadcaster, Folklorist and poet, Wordsworth has been one of the most influential folklorists in Guyanese history and has been an unyielding advocate for the collection, preservation and celebration of Guyanese folk life.

"There are some Guyanese when you think about them, you have to think in special terms. Wordsworth McAndrew is one of them! A Mighty, mighty movement An unforgettable, indelible movement An essential Guyanese movement

Vibert Cambridge

2002 Guyana Folk magazine

Mac started me off on a journey that has been fascinating and refreshing! In this journey, I have met with our majestic myth figures - Old Higue and Moongazer, Dutch Jumbie and Coolie Jumbie, Massacuraman and Kainaima, Firebun and Bacco. Mac opened up Guyana's mythscape and helped us to understand that our myths carry many levels of meaning. They tell about our fears and gives us a snap shot into life in past times. Mac helped us to see our common humanity in the "rago" and the "ustaf." He gave us a vocabulary that has helped to make clear the difference between "typee" and "totolotipo." The thing about Mac is that he has done it with deliberate simplicity!

The Mac movement continues - a uniting impulse for the future.
Thanks "Scouta Mac!"

Ken Corsbie

2002 Guyana Folk magazine

"One of the enduring stories about Mac is that he towed his bride-to-be to church for the wedding ritual. True or false, it doesn't matter, it's a great Mac story and now entrenched in Guyana folklore.

There should be a street or a tree or even a rumshop named for him. His very name WORDS WORTH describes him well. His words were well worth the listening.

Ian McDonald

Wordsworth McAndrew - A Guyanese National Treasure

By Vibert C. Cambridge, Ph.D. June 13, 2004 "One thing is sure: a few of his poems will always find a place in any Guyanese or West Indian anthology of poems," said Ian McDonald.

Eusi Kwayana

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By Vibert C. Cambridge, Ph.D.; June 13, 2004

In Gang Gang, Eusi Kwayana identified McAndrew as one of the Guyanese who helped to give Guyanese creolese respectability on the air.

Muriel Glasgow

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Over the years, McAndrew has meant many things to many people. "He was a fiercely independent, proud, absolutely brilliant man," said Muriel Glasgow. He is also remembered as a fierce defender of Guyanese cuisine.

Ronald Lammy

eCaroh Caribbean Emporium

A singular distinction of Mr. McAndrew is his daring identification and celebration of Guyanese cultural attributes.

Vibert Cambridge

When Guyanese meet in the diaspora we generate many ideas about how we should celebrate our heroes.

There is no shortage of ideas about what to do for McAndrew.

"I would love to have him immortalized."

- "What of the Wordsworth McAndrew Pavilion at cricket/football?
- Wordsworth McAndrew Library in the University of Guyana?
- Wordsworth McAndrew way (near Bourda or Big Market)?
- Wordsworth McAndrew Cultural Centre?
- Or Wordsworth McAndrew Auditorium in the Cultural Centre?
- We could also establish a website which would be an online tribute to the works of great men like Wordsworth, those before him, and those yet to be born."

Derrick Jeffrey

Thailand

Mc is and will always be in the hearts and minds of those who know him and enjoyed his works. In so stating, he is the recipient of the **"Living Heart Award,"** from all his well wishers. Such award can't be given by any government regulated body but must be transmitted through the positive thought processes of the peoples' wishes.

FUNERAL & MEMORIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED

All of us at the Guyana Cultural Association are saddened by Wordsworth's passing. Over the years he has been the inspiration for our discussions on the mission of the Guyana Folk Festival. We pledge to uphold his virtues and continue his work to propagate and promote Guyanese folk heritage through the Guyana Folk Festivals.

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