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Notting Hill Carnival

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Every year, on the last Sunday and Monday in August, London prepares for its biggest carnival, the Notting Hill Carnival. More than 2 million people come to dance, listen to music, eat Caribbean food and have fun at this huge event.

The Notting Hill Carnival started as a celebration of the African and Caribbean communities in London. In the 19th century, the carnival was already a tradition in the Caribbean islands. Later it became a celebration of the end of the slave trade.

From the 1940s to the 1960s, when lots of Caribbean people emigrated to the UK, they brought the tradition of carnival with them. In 1959 there was a Caribbean festival inside Saint Pancras Town Hall in North London in February. It first moved outside in 1965, and the month moved to August — because it was warmer!

The Carnival consists of two very different parades. On the Sunday there is a special parade for children. They dress up in fantastic costumes and dance in the streets. The day after that it’s the main parade, with colourful floats, costumes, music and dancing. In total, about 7,000 people take part in ‘Mas bands’. These are groups of dancers in costumes, who dance behind a float with music. For months before the carnival, the ‘Mas bands’ start designing their amazing costumes.

Traditionally, carnival music is steel drums, soca (dance music from Trinidad) and calypso (traditional songs with steel drums). Nowadays, massive sound systems play a wide variety of music, including reggae, hip hop and rock.

In the streets there are hundreds of stalls selling Caribbean food – jerk chicken (spicy chicken cooked on a fire), rice and peas, and exotic fruits like mangoes and coconuts – and food from all over the world.

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Rileggi il brano e completa il factfile.

Notting Hill Carnival

Location: London
Dates held now: 
Origin: 
First carnival in UK: 
Traditional musical instrument: 
Traditional food: 
Number of people who take part: 
Number of people who visit it: 

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Ascolta e leggi una canzone popolare soca.

Hot Hot Hot
Ole Ole Ole Ole, Ole Ole Ole Ole
Feelin' hot hot hot, Feelin' hot hot hot
Me mind on fire, me soul on fire,
Feelin' hot hot hot!
Party people, all around me,
Feelin' hot hot hot!

What to do, on a night like this? Music’s sweet, I can’t resist. We need a party sound, A fun, Jamaican jam,
So we can room boom boom boom,
Yeah, we room boom boom boom.

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