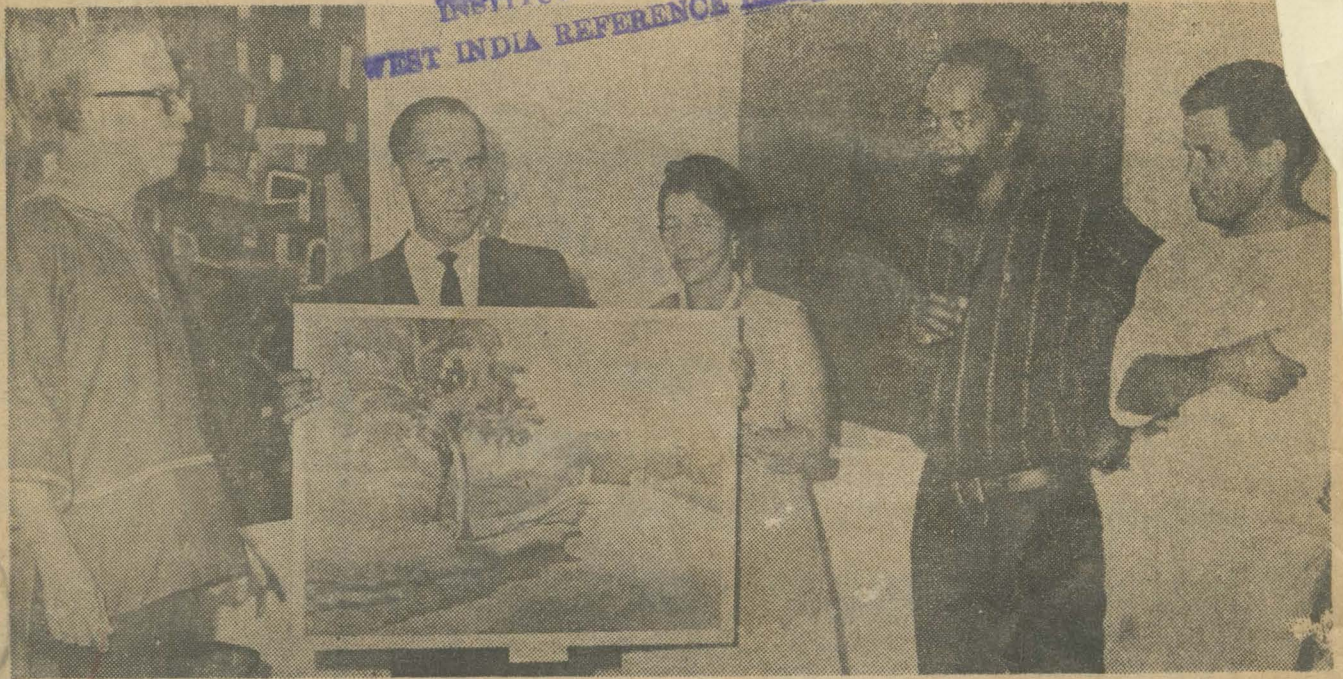


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## Artist of the year

Members of almost every artistic field in Jamaica attended on Monday night a party held at The Gallery, 17 Oxford Road to honour Jamaica's first Artist of the Year, Mr. Alvin Marriott.

The party which was very informal marked the climax of the Artist of the Year activities by the Contemporary Jamaican Artists Association. The selection was done some months ago at a meeting of the Association when Mr. Marriott was chosen by secret ballot.

Chairman of the function was Mr. A. D. Scott. Mr. Scott gave a brief outline of Mr. Marriott's career and congratulated him on having achieved such success.

In a letter from Mr. Rex Nettleford, read by Mr. Scott, Mr.

Nettleford on behalf of the National Dance Theatre stated the function to honour Jamaica's first "Artist of The Year" was one of the most important occasions in the cultural and artistic life of the country. It demonstrates the maturity that has been achieved in the thinking on local artists, Mr. Nettleford said.

Presentations of a painting by Van Peterson on behalf of The Gallery was made by Mr. C. Bernard Lewis, Curator of the Institute of Jamaica and of a cash award donated by ten patrons of the arts by Mr. Karl Parboosingh to Mr. Marriott.

In his reply Mr. Marriott said

that it was indeed gratifying to be given such high honour by his colleagues. He said that it was with great humility that he accepted the award.

Another feature of the function was poetry reading. Items rendered were selection from Arawak Prologue by Basil McFarlane read by Dennis Scott; Extract from Tom Redcam's San Gloria, read by Mr. Archie Lindo; Ancestor of the Auction Block, read by Mr. Dennis Scott and The Hour by Vivian Virtue and I Shall Remember, read by Mrs. Dorothy Blondell-Francis.

Musical selections were presented by representatives of the Jamaica School of Music.

**ARTIST OF THE YEAR, Alvin Marriott (second from left) holds a Van Pitterson painting which was one of the gifts presented to him at a party in his honour, held at The Gallery on Monday night. Others from left are Mr. A. D. Scott, Mrs. Dorothy Blondell, Mr. Barry Watson and Mr. Eugene Hyde.**

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