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CELEBRATING MY CULTURE IS BEAUTIFUL 365

with Melissa Bourne-Lewis



Melissa Bourne-Lewis migrated the beautiful twin island of Trinidad and Tobago to the United States in the late eighties with a vision of pursuing a career in Media. Her background in cultural dancing, being an avid netball player, and a successful hair salon owner, she was recruited by a New York radio station to host her own beauty show on WLIB Radio in 1992. She later moved to the Orlando area, where as Lady MBO she launched the Sunshine radio show with WLKJ Orlando as well as several other locally owned stations promoting and preserving our rich Caribbean culture.

Melissa Bourne- Lewis strongly believes in the importance of education and Young Women displaying

their intellectual and inner beauty. In 2006, she directed and hosted the first annual Miss Orlando Cultural Pageant. This successful event continued for several years recognizing the hard work, feeding the confidence, developing the communication skills, and awarding college scholarships to young women.

As a woman of Kulture, she encourages women to walk in their truth, and embrace the cultural differences that have shaped our lives. Our culture makes our jobs tantamount to our identity. What we do is what we are. The young women around her are encouraged to live artfully through events and experiences that will transform, inspire and enlighten them along life's journey. Culture and careers are avocations, but she believes and hold true to walking within the vocation in which she is called to follow Jesus.

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