

Title: J'Ouvert [Cover Photo]

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Description:

The image depicts a student whose body is covered in paint while being pushed around in a grocery cart (September 3rd, 2018). During Labor Day Weekend, Brooklyn, New York hosts the Labor Day Carnival, also known as the "West Indian Day Parade." The Brooklyn Carnival draws more than two million people, mainly from the West Indian and Caribbean communities in New York City and beyond. Central to the festivity is the J'Ouvert ("Break of Day") processions, which are composed chiefly of younger community members. J'Ouvert, which goes through the night and early morning, is best known for its uncouth revelry, manifested in the creative spirit—yet low cost—of the costumes on display. In so many ways, J'Ouvert is the essence of the Caribbean Carnival and culture in New York City.

