

Maroon Institution Building

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Paramaribo, Suriname

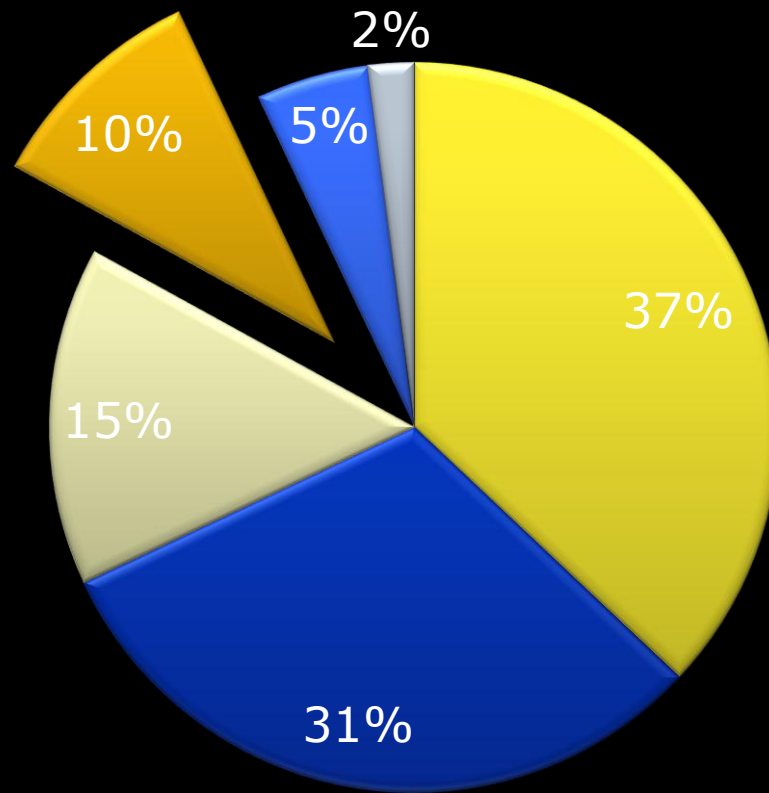
- Independence in 1975 - Netherlands
- Languages: Dutch, Surinamese
- Total Population: 560,000
- Paramaribo: 259,000
 - » 1.5% urban increase
 - » 69%

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■ Hindustani
■ Javanese
■ Other

■ Creole
■ Maroon
■ Amerindian



% of Population

The Maroon People

- Maroons are descendants of fugitive slaves who founded autonomous communities in Suriname's rainforest during the 17th and 18th centuries (Thoden van Velzen 1995).
- Art styles
- Their collective task was to create new communities and institutions, via a process of integrating cultural elements drawn largely from a variety of African societies (Price 1996).
- Urban migration



Initial Research

- Female role in Maroon performance
- Pressures of Influence
- Interior/Urban



Revised Research Questions

- Role of performance
- Traditional <-> Modern
- Interior/Urban



Methods

- Surveys
 - 15 surveys translated from Dutch
- Interviews
 - 7 personal interviews
 - 2 group interviews
- Participant Observation
 - 5 Performances, 3 rehearsals
 - A Mato Mosaic
 - 5 weeks spent in Suriname



Globalization Paradigm

- Globalization mediated by migration, commerce, communication technology, finance, tourism, etc entails a reorganization of the bipolar imagery of space and time of modern world view (Kearney 1995).
- Demographic of Suriname
- Tourism strategies in Suriname
- Internet and traditions







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Findings

- Mobile culture
- Modern as traditional
- Dual identities
 - Maroon through tradition/incorporation/experimentation



Findings

- Surveys:
- Maroons recognized as representative of Surinamese history by Surinamese through art
- Acknowledgement and relationship with African roots and heritage by Maroons



Cultural Institution



Cultural Center

- Mode of establishing representation
- A sort of cultural growth diary
- Desire to share and learn





Thank you



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