Record Nr. UNINA9910789634403321 Autore Rommen Timothy Titolo Funky Nassau: Roots, Routes, and Representation in Bahamian Popular Music / / Timothy Rommen Pubbl/distr/stampa Berkeley, CA:,: University of California Press,, [2011] ©2011 **ISBN** 1-283-27786-7 9786613277862 0-520-94875-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (332 p.) Collana Music of the African Diaspora;; 15 781.64097296 Disciplina Soggetti Popular music - Bahamas - History and criticism Popular music -- Bahamas -- History and criticism Popular music - History and criticism - Bahamas Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Front matter -- Contents -- Preface -- Acknowledgments -- Map of Nota di contenuto the Bahamas -- 1. Nassau's Gone Funky: Sounding Some Themes in Bahamian Music -- 2. "Muddy da Water": Provincializing the Center, or Recentering the Periphery through Rake-n-Scrape -- 3. "Calvpso Island": Exporting the Local, Particularizing the Region, and Developing the Sounds of Goombay -- 4. "Gone ta Bay": Institutionalizing Junkanoo, Festivalizing the Nation -- 5. "A New Day Dawning": Cosmopolitanism, Roots, and Identity in the Postcolony -- 6. "Back to the Island": Travels in Paradox-Creating the Future-Past -- Epilogue --Notes -- Bibliography -- Index Sommario/riassunto This book examines the role music has played in the formation of the political and national identity of the Bahamas. Timothy Rommen analyzes Bahamian musical life as it has been influenced and shaped by the islands' location between the United States and the rest of the Caribbean; tourism; and Bahamian colonial and postcolonial history. Focusing on popular music in the second half of the twentieth and early twenty-first centuries, in particular rake-n-scrape and Junkanoo, Rommen finds a Bahamian music that has remained culturally rooted in

the local even as it has undergone major transformations. Highlighting the ways entertainers have represented themselves to Bahamians and to tourists, Funky Nassau illustrates the shifting terrain that musicians navigated during the rapid growth of tourism and in the aftermath of independence.