





AH-WAKENING

Ah-wake up in the morning and look for 3 little birds...still.

The world that has forever and tragically been changed, has re-birthed us. We are becoming aware of new possibilities to rediscover ourselves. We are more aware of our health, mentally and physically. We now re-examine how to socialize in our many communal festivals, our sports, our arts, our film. The sound of the drum is different as we re-ignite our rhythms in our communal, Caribbean diasporic spirit. **AH-WAKENING** – Our identity in a new world and an understanding of worlds before.

The CaribbeanTales International Film Festival returns in September 2022 for its 17th year - exploring mental health, celebration of freedom & independence, and an examination of the Caribbean spirit through film.



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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



September 7 @ Carlton Cinema OPENING NIGHT: CELEBRATION TIME

Bomba Ancestral (Eli Jacobs-Fantauzzi, Puerto Rico, 2021) 4min 43sec **Mas Prep** (Shari Petti, Trinidad and Tobago, 2019) 15min 19sec **Toronto Caribbean Carnival: Fun and Free** (Irina Volkova, Canada, 2020) 60min

September 8 @ Carlton Cinema SWEET T&T 60TH ANNIVERSARY CO-PRESENTED BY FilmTT

| 5 Short Films | Lavway, Our Story (Ryan Gibbons, Trinidad and Tobago, 2021) 1h 1min 35sec

September 9 @ Harbourfront Centre SPECIAL SCREENING & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR THE HONOURABLE JEAN AUGUSTINE

STEADFAST: The Messenger and the Message (Fahim Hamid Ali, Canada, 2022) 58min

September 13 @ Carlton Cinema WE WILL SURVIVE

Out of this World (Jerry Wolf, Canada, 2021) 11min 40sec **Dorlis** (Enricka MH, Martinique (France), 2021) 25min 5sec **Opal** (Alain Bidard, Martinique (France), 2021) 1hr 25min

September 14 @ Carlton Cinema AWAKE AND AWARE

My Execution Will Be Televised (Rhoma Spencer, Canada -Trinidad and Tobago, 2021) 4min 30sec

ASUNDER (Janet Marrett, UK, 2021) 14min 35sec

5 STARS (Aneesha Lowni & Director Remi Itaini, UK, 2021) 14min 46ssec

Houmvini (Giovannia Atodjinou-Zinsou & Darline GILLES, Benin, 2021) 25min 10sec

Pickney (Michael Jenkins, UK, 2021) 15min 46sec

Woke (Dara Eshaghian, Canada, 2021) 10min

Immune (Robert Macfarlane, UK, 2020) 15min

Aftershocks: A Tetralogy of Our Times (Teisha Duncan, Pat Golden, USA, 2021) 57min



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



September 15 @ Carlton Cinema ALL AH WE IS ONE FAMILY

Fanmi (Sandrine Brodeur-Desrosiers, Carmine Pierre-Dufour, Canada, 2019) 14min
When I was a Younger (Noella Mingo, UK, 2021) 8min 52sec
Sins of the Father (Azriel Bahadoor, Trinidad and Tobago, 2022) 13min 6sec
The Last Supper (Dilia Oviedo Luciano, Dominican Republic, 2022) 9min 5sec
Hide and Seek (Olivier Kancel, Guadeloupe (France), 2021) 12min 47sec
The Roll Out (Dewayne Force, UK, 2021) 19min 51sec
Reel Black: Our Film Stories (Ayan Tani, Émeraude Domingos Mbuku & Tristen
Sutherland, Canada, 2022) 22 mins

September 20 @ Carlton Cinema ELEVATION

Legacy of Bodies (Dev Ramsawakh, Canada, 2021) 1min 29sec **MARIA KRISTU: The Buumba story** (Paul S. Wilo, Zambia, 2021) 2hr

September 21 @ Carlton Cinema ROOTICAL

Spirit Emulsion (Siku Allooloo, Canada, 2022) 7min 30sec
Kunu (The Curse) (Onias Landveld, Netherlands, 2021) 23min 33sec
Bakosó: Afrobeats of Cuba (Eli Jacobs-Fantauzzi, Cuba, 2019) 56min

September 22 @ Carlton Cinema SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM THE CTMG MICROCREDENTIALS PROGRAM

September 23 @ Carlton Cinema CLOSING NIGHT & AWARDS CEREMONY

Traces-Eritaj (Vox Sambou & Yoktown's, Canada, 2021) 40min

VENUES

Imagine Cinemas Carlton Cinema 20 Carlton St Toronto, ON M5B 2H5

Harbourfront Centre Theatre 231 Queens Quay W

Toronto, ON M5J 2G8

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September 7, 2022 | 7:30PM



CANADA PREMIERE BOMBA ANCESTRAI ELI JACOBS-FANTAUZZI

A short film about the first *Bomba Ancestral* returning to the ocean at sunset. Organized by Sheila Osorio and Samuel Lind in Loíza, Puerto Rico where the river meets the sea. We gathered on the beach. The moon was full and we could feel the connection to the four elements. The FIRE that purifies, WATER, AIR and EARTH. Honoring all of our ancestors from whom we inherited this beautiful dance of Bomba. PUERTO RICO | 2021 | 4MIN 43SEC

WORLD PREMIERE MAS PREP SHARI PETTI

"Mas Prep" is a docu-series which features the behind the scenes aspect of traditional mas makers and how they get ready for the Carnival season in Trinidad and Tobago. The series shows how they source material, the creation of costumes, rituals they perform before taking the stage, challenges, and additional unique aspects of their art form.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO | 2019 15MIN 9SEC

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CANADA PREMIERE **FEATURE FILM TORONTO CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL: FUN AND FREE** IRINA VOLKOVA

This documentary celebrates the fifty-year history of Toronto event of the year - Toronto Caribbean Carnival aka Caribana. The Canadian - born parade is the biggest street festival in North America that attracts up to two million people from around the world to celebrate not only Caribbean Culture, but diversity and unity. This special traces the half-century history of the parade, its traditions and roots, and showcases the rich culture and music traditions of Caribbean Canadians. An incredible journey both exciting and educational from Mas K-band producers and Ontario Science Center to the born out of slavery grand parade and its history of Caribbean colonization and emancipation.

CANADA | 2020 | 60 MIN





September 8, 2022 | 7:30PM @ Carlton Cinema | 20 Carlton St. Toronto

An evening of shorts from Trinidad & Tobago filmmakers in celebration of T&T's 60th year of independence. Followed by a feature presentation.

CO-PRESENTED BY





Consulate of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Toronto



September 8, 2022 7:30PM



CANADA PREMIERE FEATURE FILM LAVWAY, OUR S RYAN GIBBONS

From the visionary Creative Director of The Lost Tribe in Trinidad and Tobago, *LAVWAY* is an experimental film based on traditions of Trinidad's unique Carnival. The film harnesses the energy of the mas and is a rousing ode to the origins and rituals of the festival; awash in mysticism, vibrant colour and pulsating soca music.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO | 2021 | 1HR 1MIN 35SEC

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HARBOURFRONT CENTRE THEATRE September 9, 2022 | 7:30PM

Event



- "Steadfast - The Jean Augustine Story" tells the uplifting story of Jean Augustine through the first-hand account of Jean's struggles and triumphs in her own words. It also includes interviews of people who have known her personally such as the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau; former Prime Minister of Grenada, Dr. Keith Mitchell; first black Miss World, Jennifer Hosten; British actor, Joseph Marcell; Grammy-nominee singer, Freddy Will and several Members of Parliament and political leaders in Canada. Through enactments, the film depicts the courage and determination with which Jean fought for the rights of women and African-Canadians.

Screening followed by special appearance of The Honourable Jean Augustine

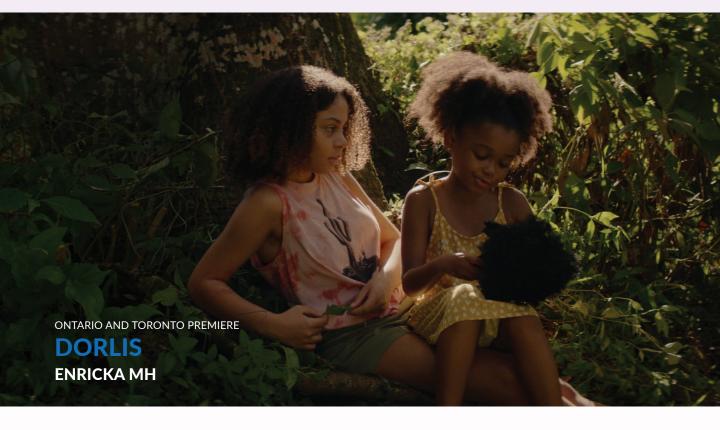


CANADA | 2022 | 58MIN

WE WILL SURVIVE September 13, 2022 | 7:30PM

WORLD PREMIERE OUT OF THIS WORLD JERRY WOLF

When a young astronaut crash lands on a strange new world, he will need the help of an alien friend in order to survive. CANADA | 2021 | 11MIN 40SEC



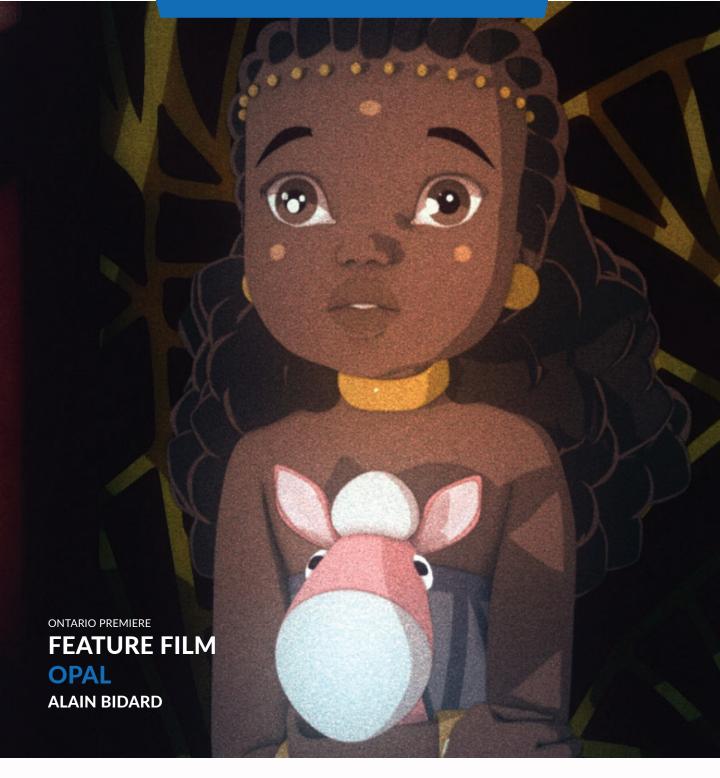
Nora, a 15-year-old Martiniquan teenager, has to follow her mother and 6-year-old little sister, Mélissa, to the north of the island, to stay at Henri's, her grandfather, paralyzed since a recent stroke. They settle at the old man's to provide him daily assistance. But very soon, the atmosphere of the house and Henri's presence make Nora's childhood memories resurface, embodied in the fear of an aggressive evil mind.

MARTINIQUE (FRANCE) | 2021 | 25MIN 5SEC



SENSITIVE SUBJECT MATTER

WE WILL SURVIVE September 13, 2022 | 7:30PM



Once upon a time a magic kingdom where summer lasted forever and where the animals and the inhabitants were immortal. The source of all magic was a young princess called *Opal*. Legends said that her joy would bring wonders and prosperity to the kingdom. But her sadness would only bring chaos and darkness.

MARTINIQUE (FRANCE) | 2021 | 1HR 21MIN

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AWAKE AND AWARE September 14, 2022 | 7:30PM

CANADA PREMIERE MY EXECUTION WILL BE TELEVISED RHOMA SPENCER

A Strange fruit no longer hangs on poplar trees, instead it is a Social Media occasion. My Execution will be on Facebook live. CANADA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

2021 | 4MIN 30SEC

ASUNDER JANET MARRETT

Olivia, a trainee professional, finds herself opposing the government that is seeking to criminalise her mother. *ASUNDER* offers an intricate story about family, politics and justice.

UK | 2021 | 14MIN 35SEC

CANADA PREMIERE **5 STARS**ANEESHA LOWNI & REMI ITAINI

Across three Uber journeys, a woman of colour explains who she is to people who have already made their mind up. A poignant exploration of cultural lines and the desire for connection.

UK | 2021 | 14MIN 46SEC

ONTARIO PREMIERE HOUMVINI GIOVANNIA ATODJINOU-ZINSOU, CO-DIRECTOR'S NAME : DARLINE GILLES

Despite all his mother's arguments to dissuade her, *Houminvi*, an Abikou child, insists and decides to go to Europe to make his dream come true. She will face dark obstacles. But saved by the ocean, she will be miraculously brought back home.



BENIN | 2021 | 25MIN 10SEC

AWAKE AND AWARE September 14, 2022 | 7:30PM

Leon is a mixed-race teenager trying to work out where he fits in. He is close to his Nan, the only

person he knowfrom his Jamaican

UK | 2021 | 15MIN 46SEC

side of the family.

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MICHAEL JENKINS

WORLD PREMIERE WOKE DARA ESHAGHIAN

Frustrated by her parent's performative activism, a young woman decides to fake a pregnancy with a potential love interest to reveal her parents' true prejudiced colours.

CANADA | 2021 | 10MIN

CANADA PREMIERE IMMUNE ROBERT MACFARLANE

In a world scourged by a terrible disease, a healthy, mother-to-be, must escape the clutches of an authoritarian government or risk losing her life and that of her unborn child.



UK | 2020 | 15 MIN

AWAKE AND AWARE September 14, 2022 | 7:30PM

CANADA PREMIERE FEATURE FILM AFTERSHOCKS: A TETRALOGY OF OUR TIMES TEISHA DUNCAN & PAT GOLDEN

Aftershocks - A Tetralogy of Our Times is a mosaic of short narratives, animation and montage art that explores love, humanity, and connecting while socially distant from the unique perspectives of Caribbean American communities in New York City during the coronavirus pandemic. Take a journey with us through Queens, NY from 2020-2021 and witness offbeat, love-filled stories of Caribbean American characters endeavoring to overcome the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

USA | 2021 | 57MIN





ALL AH WE IS ONE FAMILY September 15, 2022 7:30PM

FANMI SANDRINE BRODEUR-DESROSIERS, CARMINE PIERRE-DUFOUR

Absorbed by her recent break-up, Martine doesn't notice her mother is hiding the true reason behind her visit to Montreal. CANADA | 2019 | 14MIN 46SEC WHEN I WAS A YOUNGER NOELLA MINGO

When I Was A Younger features women who moved to London after WWII. They might be elderly, but as the film shows, they're still brimming with youthful warmth and fun.

UK | 2021 | 8MIN 52SEC

CANADA PREMIERE SINS OF THE FATHER AZRIEL BAHADOOR

A priest has his devotion put to the test as he listens to the confession of an ex convict, one that was incarcerated at a prison he visited years ago. TRINIDAD & TOBAGO | 2022 | 13 MIN 6SEC



ALL AH WE IS ONE FAMILY September 15, 2022 7:30PM

CANADA/INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE THE LAST SUPPER DILIA OVIEDO LUCIANO

In a place inside the mind of a girl, she has an encounter with the spirit of a father with whom she left a lot of things unsaid. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | 2022 | 9MIN 5SEC WORLD PREMIERE HIDE AND SEEK OLIVIER KANCEL

Mama starts a game of hide and seek with her grandchildren. After a while she searches everywhere without finding them, she begins to worry. But is it really her grandchildren that Mama is looking for?

GUADELOUPE (FRANCE) | 2021 | 12MIN 47SEC



The Roll Out hopes to raise the profile of skating as not only a recreational hobby but also a way to build community during a time when

UK | 2021 | 13 MIN 6SEC

we felt disconnected.

| FOLLOWED BY OYA MEDIA AFTER PARTY |

REEL BLACK: OUR FILM STORIES AYAN TANI, ÉMERAUDE DOMINGOS MBUKU, AND TRISTEN SUTHERLAND

Young Black filmmakers learn what it takes to fulfill their filmmaking dreams through the insight of veteran filmmaker Claire Prieto-Fuller and other Black Canadian filmmakers. CANADA 2022 22 MIN

ELEVATION September 20, 2022 | 7:30PM



CANADA | 2021 | 1MIN 29SEC

FEATURE FILM MARIA KRISTU: THE BUUMBA STORY PAUL S. WILO

In her desire for freedom, Buumba 16 year old must go against the norms and doctrine of the Maria kristu Church.

ZAMBIA | 2021 | 2HR



ROOTICAL September 21, 2022 | 7:30PM

TORONTO PREMIERE SPIRIT EMULSION SIKU ALLOOLOO

A woman's connection to her mother in the spirit world activates Taíno culture, revealing a realm unseen. Meanwhile, by way of flowers, an ancestral act of sovereignty extends into the future. CANADA | 2022 | 7MIN 30SEC

KUNU (THE CURSE) ONIAS LANDVELD

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Kunu means curse. The main character in *Kunu* searches for the answer to this question: "what is the curse that keeps me in my vicious circle? NETHERLANDS | 2021 | 23MIN 33SEC

FEATURE FILM BAKOSÓ: AFROBEATS OF CUBA ELI JACOBS-FANTAUZZI

What does "Está Rico" by Marc Anthony, Will Smith & Bad Bunny have in common with "Made For Now" by Janet Jackson x Daddy Yankee? They both high-jacked AfroBeats and did not give the genre's origin props. *Bakosó* is a film that does the opposite, following DJ Jigüe to his hometown of Santiago de Cuba to find inspiration from the new sounds.



CUBA | 2019 | 56MIN

CARIBBEANTALES MICRO-CREDENTIALS FOR BLACK MEDIA PROFESSIONALS

September 22, 2022 7:30PM @ Carlton Cinema | 20 Carlton St. Toronto

> Participants of the CaribbeanTales Microcredentials Program will showcase their films.

September 23, 2022 | 7:30PM

Closing & Awards



Three Canadian musicians travel to Haiti to join singer and beat-maker Manno Beats to support a mobile clinic project in the mountains of Les Cayes.

CANADA | 2021 | 40MIN 46SEC

2022 CTFF AWARDS CEREMONY

Before the night concludes, we will present the 2022 CTFF Award Winners.



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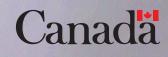


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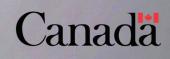




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