



## It's Time For An Ah-Wakening!

**The 17th Caribbeantales International Film Festival Kicks Off**  
*Showcasing The Caribbean and African Diaspora Films and Filmmakers,*  
*Celebrating The Honourable Jean Augustine*

### For Immediate Release

**August 10, 2022 (Toronto, ON)** - The 17th annual [CaribbeanTales International Film Festival \(CTFF\)](#) announced highlights of its 2022 programme tonight with the theme of **Ah-Wakening** - exploring mental health, a celebration of freedom and independence, and an examination of the Caribbean spirit through film. **The Festival runs from September 7th to September 23rd at the Carlton Cinema, 20 Carlton Street, Toronto.** “We are excited to be back in the theatre, enjoying films the way they are supposed to be watched - with an audience and buttered popcorn,” says CTFF Director Diana Webley. “Our line-up this year is also available online after the Festival ends on September 23rd through our [VOD platform CaribbeanTales -TV](#). So there is no reason to miss out on our fabulous content of filmmakers from the Caribbean and African Diaspora.”

CTFF is proudly hosting a special 85th birthday celebration screening of ***Steadfast: The Messenger and The Message*** - the documentary feature film directed by Fahim Hamid Ali about **The Honourable Dr. Jean Augustine on Friday September 9th, 6pm - Red Carpet, at the Harbourfront Centre Theatre, 231 Queens Quay West, Toronto.**

### Other key highlights:

#### September 7th

#### Opening Night: Celebration Time

- *Bomba Ancestral*, short film directed by Eli Jacobs-Fantauzzi (Puerto Rico)
- *Mas Prep*, short film directed by Shari Petti (Trinidad and Tobago)
- *Toronto Caribbean Carnival: Fun and Free*, feature directed by Irina Volkova (Canada)

### **September 8th**

#### **Sweet T&T 60th Anniversary co-presented by Film TT (5 Short Films)**

- *Lavway, Our Story* feature directed by Ryan Gibbons (Trinidad and Tobago)

### **September 15th**

- *Reel Black: Our Film Stories* directed by Ayan Tani, Émeraude Domingos Mbuku and Tristen Sutherland (Canada)

### **September 22nd**

- Special Presentation from the CTMG Microcredentials Program

### **September 23rd**

#### **Closing Night & Awards Ceremony**

- *Traces-Eritaj* directed by Vox Sambou and Yoktown's (Canada)

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#### **[About CaribbeanTales International Film Festival](#)**

CaribbeanTales Film Festival (CTFF) celebrates the talents of established and emerging filmmakers of Caribbean heritage who practise their art across the Caribbean Diaspora and worldwide. CTFF presents a multi-ethnic mix of exciting and dynamic films that showcase diverse and shared stories and cultures.

CTFF is produced by Caribbean Tales Inc., a registered Canadian charity. The company's mandate is to foster and encourage intercultural understanding and racial equality, through the creation, marketing and distribution of film, programs, events, and projects that reflect the diversity and creativity of Caribbean heritage and culture.

#### **[About CaribbeanTales Media Group](#)**

CaribbeanTales Media Group (CTMG) is a multifaceted group of media companies that produces, market, and sells culturally diverse film and television content from the Caribbean and its wide Diaspora.

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