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**13th ANNUAL CARIBBEANTALES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL MEDIA LAUNCH**  
*Announcing over 30 provocative and political stories of the diverse Caribbean experience*

**July 5, 2018, TORONTO, ON** - Just as the media world is on fire with strong voices of colour, CaribbeanTales will light up screens with provocative, on-point films that showcase the issues we are all thinking about. At 7.00 pm on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at the Royal Cinema in Toronto, the scene is set for the #CTFF2018 Media Launch that will include a special Preview Screening of **Green Days by The River** and reveal the entire 2018 Program lineup.

Associate Festival Director, Diana Webley\* says, "Our festival theme this year is '**Light it up**'. It's a call to action. A call to arms. A call to change. A call that's been ringing out for a long time. And now Caribbean filmmakers are answering that call in force. To focus this global appeal beyond our Canadian experience, we are asking our filmmakers to shine their lights on all the changes in the world, to showcase their vision of change and to spread their message.....to lead the way."

On hand to share their stories about CaribbeanTales, the films, and the year-long effort that goes into producing this film festival, will be a diverse selection of speakers: [Denise Herrera-Jackson](#), Board Member of CaribbeanTales Inc., [Frances-Anne Solomon](#)\*, Executive Director, CTFF, as well as [Nicole Brooks](#)\*, CaribbeanTales Incubator Manager. The evening will be hosted by [Itah Sadu](#) of [A Different Booklist](#).

The featured screening, **Green Days By The River** is directed by Michael Mooleedhar. It is a coming of age film that brings Trinidad to life like no other, based on the beloved novel by Trinidad and Tobago's celebrated author Michael Anthony and brilliantly adapted for the screen with sweeping cinematography and a memorable soundtrack.

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Thursday July 5th, 2018

**Royal Cinema**

608 College Street, Toronto ON

**Doors open: 6:30 PM**    **Opening Remarks: 7:00 PM**    **Screening: 8:00 PM**

To learn more about CTFF2018 or about the history of CaribbeanTales' impact on the film community, please visit [www.caribbeantalesfestival.com](http://www.caribbeantalesfestival.com) or **CaribbeanTales International Film Festival** on [Facebook](#).

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### **About CaribbeanTales International Film Festival**

The CaribbeanTales International Film Festival (CTFF) is now in its 13th year and will take place from September 5-21, 2018 at various locations throughout the City of Toronto.

CTFF celebrates the talents of established and emerging filmmakers of Caribbean heritage who practise their art across the Caribbean Diaspora worldwide – including Canada and the Caribbean, Europe, the Americas, Africa, China, India and the Middle East. CTFF presents a multi-ethnic mix of exciting and dynamic films that showcase diverse and shared stories and cultures.

CTFF is produced by CaribbeanTales Inc, a registered Canadian charity that aims to connect people through film. 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 culture.

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