

Redemption Tales: Stories of Culture, History & Island Life CaribbeanTales Lights It Up with Jamaican Films on September 19,

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Toronto, August 20, 2018 - Come to Jamaica during the 13th Annual CaribbeanTales Film Festival on September 19, 2018 with the feature screening of *Dancehall's Asian Ambassadors* at The Royal Cinema, 608 College Street at 7:00pm.

Directed by Kaneal Gayle, this documentary delves into the lives of four Japanese women who are bitten by the Dancehall movement and decide to relocate to the island and immerse themselves in the music. Is this cultural appropriation or a genuine love of Jamaica? Gayle points out in his narrative that once the Japanese master the moves, the music industry no longer needs to hire locals - and that includes sound systems and reggae performers. Gayle will be in Toronto and available for interviews September 18 - 20, 2018.

There are three short films showing ahead of the feature film:

Abeeku and the Maroons - Directed by Kevin Jackson, this animated short is set in 18th century Jamaica and follows an escaped slave who tries to free his pregnant sister from a cane plantation. However, they become separated and Abeeku must enlist Jamaica's freedom fighters, the Maroons, to help him rescue his sister.

The Incursion - Directed by Sasha Gay-Lewis, this documentary returns to the inner-city community of Tivoli Gardens, years after "The Incursion" - a 2010 police/military operation to capture notorious drug lord Christopher 'Dudus' Coke. We get the perspective of the residents who recount the events of his capture and the repercussions of the deadly clash between law enforcement, residents and Coke's supporters.

<u>Kinto</u> - **Directed by Joshua Paul**, this film examines life on the streets of Kingston, Jamaica, through the eyes of 14-year-old Kinto. He's a squeegee kid trying to stay alive who is met with a surprising act of kindness.

Media Interviews & Accreditation:

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Ticket Info:

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Dancehall's Asian Ambassadors Key Links:

Official Trailer

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About CaribbeanTales Media Group:

Caribbean Tales 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.

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