



# Wadadli Short Film Festival News & Updates

Welcome to our first newsletter!

Over the last couple of months there has been lots of activity in Antigua and Barbuda to ensure the inaugural Wadadli Short Film Festival gains as much support as possible.

Meetings were held last May with Prime Minister Gaston Browne, Bert Kirchner (Film Commissioner), Dr Noel Howell and Francine Carby (Motion Picture Association of Antigua). We are pleased to report back that they are all excited with the prospects of working together on this fantastic new venture.

Our collective aim is to deliver an inspirational festival celebrating and promoting the emerging talent of Antigua and Barbuda and those countries within the territories that form the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).



If you are a filmmaker within the OECS and would like us to share your story about filmmaking or you simply would like to get involved in the Festival, please drop us an <a href="mailto:emai



#### **Meeting Prime Minister Gaston Browne**

Bob Foster was fortunate to meet with the Prime Minister, Gaston Browne to update him on current activities and to inform him of our collaborations to ensure talented filmmakers in Antigua and Barbuda are given the platform they deserve.

Gaston Browne, was also very supportive of the Festival's ambition to work very closely with the Motion Picture Association of Antigua. Dr Noel Howell added, "I am really thrilled at the prospects of forging a long-term collaboration with the Festival organisers and look forward to establishing opportunities for fundraising and training so that the island's filmmakers can reach a much wider audience."



#### It's Not Too Late

Festival Directors, Dean Foster and Daniel Glenn-Barbour are pleased with the standard and quality of films that have been submitted so far and cannot wait to showcase the shortlisted recipients in October!

We are delighted to announce that all the winning films will be screened at Caribbean Cinemas, Antiqua - Megaplex 8.

If you know someone who would like to submit a short film, please note the submissions deadline is 21st August 2019. Details can be found here  $\underline{\text{Link}}$ 

Visit our Website



#### A Big Thank-you to Carlisle Bay, Antigua

The team are proud to announce our main sponsor, Carlisle Bay have agreed to host our VIP Launch in October. On behalf of the team we would like to thank Michael Eutrope for making some fantastic introductions, namely, Francoise G. Bowen (Francoise Acting Studio).

A special thank you is also in order to Claire Horan (Director of Sales and Marketing) and Camilla Sukumaran (General Manager) for hosting our VIP Launch. We look forward to returning to Carlisle Bay and thank you all for your hospitality.

Carlisle Bay would like to offer guests of the Wadadli Short Film Festival a preferred rate. For more information, please send your details to info@twsff.com.

## Out and About at The Villas at Sunset Lane



The second day of the Festival, will take place at the bespoke surroundings of The Villas at Sunset Lane.



What can be more captivating than relaxing and viewing a selection of short films over Jazz and cocktails at this unique location.

On the 26th October guests will have the opportunity to not only view shortlisted films but also vote for their favourite.

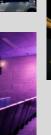
Jacqueline Thomas (right), Antiguan resident and proprietor of Sunset Villas is proud to be part of the Wadadli Short Film Festival's inaugural event and welcomes filmgoers to her boutique hotel filled with original art works collected from around the world.

The Villas at Sunset Lane are also offering Film Festival guests preferred rates if they would like to stay at the hotel. For more information <u>Visit</u> Here

### Have you reserved your tickets?













#### **The Festival Ticket** Hotline will open on 15th July 2019

The Wadadli Short Film Festival is a ticketed event and is expected to be oversubscribed.

See our Events page for future listings: Events

To ensure you don't miss out, please register your interest via our web link: Register Here

If you have any ticketing queries, please contact Valerie Sebastian, who is based in Antigua:

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