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Caribbean filmmakers usher in 'A New Day' with a lineup of uniquely colourful stories

Idris Elba's Directorial Debut Yardie Canadian Premiere Screening at the 2019 CaribbeanTales International Film Festival Media Launch

TORONTO, July 5, 2019 – This September 4 -20 at the Royal Cinema and Imagine Cinemas Carlton, CaribbeanTales is set to showcase the Caribbean’s rich culture and perspectives on the silver screen with their 14th Annual Film Festival.

The theme of the 2019 CaribbeanTales Film Festival (CTFF2019) is ‘**A New Day.**’ “It is a brand new day for Caribbean film, a day where filmmakers are able to stand up with pride and hope eyes and hearts ever upward,” says Diana Webley, CTFF Co-director. “Our voices are being heard and the depth of our stories, our legends, our unique perspective on the world, is even more poignant and relevant. We’re here to raise up our Caribbean Filmmakers and to shine a light on their importance, but most of all, to share their stories with the world.”

Webley, along with CTFF Executive Director, Frances-Anne Solomon, will take the stage at the Launch to share details on the Festival’s themed nights, as well as the films and shorts being screened this year.

Join us on Thursday, July 4, from 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm at Toronto’s Royal Cinema for the Media Launch of #CTFF2019. The evening’s festivities will include an exclusive Cocktail Hour for credentialed media ahead of the reveal of the full Festival lineup, a Talkback Session with select filmmakers and festival directors, and an exclusive screening of the feature film, **Yardie**.

Yardie is the directorial debut of Golden Globe Award-winner Idris Elba. It is a heartfelt story about love, revenge, and the meeting of cultures, adapted from the novel by the Jamaican author, Victor Headley. Set in ’70s Kingston and ’80s Hackney, **Yardie** centres on the life of a young Jamaican man named D (Aml Ameen), who has never fully recovered from the murder, committed during his childhood, of his older brother Jerry Dread (Everaldo Creary). D grows up under the wing of a Kingston Don and music producer named King Fox (Sheldon Shepherd). Fox dispatches him to London, where he reconnects with his childhood sweetheart, Yvonne (Shantol Jackson), and his daughter whom he has not seen since she was a baby. He also hooks up with a soundclash crew, called High Noon. But before he can be convinced to abandon his life of crime and follow “the righteous path,” he encounters the man who shot his brother ten years earlier. Thus, he embarks on a bloody, explosive quest for retribution — a quest which brings him into conflict with vicious London gangster Rico (Stephen Graham).

[Click here to watch the Yardie trailer](#)

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The **CTFF2019 Media Launch** is open to the public. Tickets and festival passes can be purchased at the Eventbrite links below:

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For more details on CTFF2019 visit www.caribbeantalesfestival.com

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About CaribbeanTales Media Group

CaribbeanTales (CTMG) is a group of media companies that produces, markets, and exhibits Caribbean-themed films for Regional and international distribution, including CaribbeanTales Worldwide Distribution, CaribbeanTales Inc - a registered Charity in Canada. Activities include The CaribbeanTales International Film Festival now in its 14th year; the renowned CaribbeanTales Incubator (CTI) a year-round development and production hub for Caribbean and Caribbean Diaspora Producers; Caribbeantales-TV a VOD streaming service for Caribbean films; and CaribbeanTalesFlix, their production arm.

About CaribbeanTales International Film Festival

The CaribbeanTales International Film Festival (CTFF) is now in its 14th year and will take place from September 4 - 20, 2019, at various locations throughout the City of Toronto.

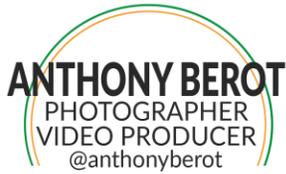
CTFF celebrates the talents of established and emerging filmmakers of Caribbean heritage who practise their art across the Caribbean Diaspora worldwide – including Canada and the Caribbean, Europe, the Americas, Africa, China, India and the Middle East. CTFF presents a multi-ethnic mix of exciting and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



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community here in Canada, as well as a global community between Canadians and like-minded artists, cultural entrepreneurs, and community builders throughout the Diaspora.



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