

LONDON IS THE PLACE FOR ME



Your two-week festival of **music, theatre, literature, spoken word, films, participation, food, drink** and plenty of opportunities to **lime and socialise**.

We invite you to explore TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S cultural fusion - and their connections to England - through some of its finest **artists, thinkers** and **shapers**, past and present.

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO INDEPENDENCE
SUNDAY 12th AUGUST TO SATURDAY 25th AUGUST 2012
THE TRICYCLE THEATRE - ALL EVENTS ARE FREE



PARTICIPATION/YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES

**Monday 13th -
Friday 17th August**

Calypso Tent: A hands-on workshop on calypso writing and performance for 12 - 25 year olds led by UK Calypso Monarch 2010 & 2011 **Alexander D Great**. Perform your new calypso at **London Liming** (17 Aug).

FREE: Limited Places, Bookings at
www.tthighcommission.co.uk

**Monday 20th -
Friday 24th August**

Children's Workshops for 7-12 year olds with **Eintou Pearl Springer**. Themes include Trini Food, Cultural Forms of Tobago, The Story and Rhythms of T&T and Making Mas.

PRIDE IN OUR LIBERTY

Trinidad and Tobago Culture Fest
25th July - 25th August 2012 The Tricycle Theatre

Come and discover the vast diversity that Trinidad and Tobago offers in food and drink, culture, arts and tourism through an ambitious programme of films, music, visual art, theatre, literature, spoken word, family events, participation and business networking.

Your festival for socialising and enjoyment.

Free Admission, limited places so book online at www.tthighcommission.co.uk

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FESTIVAL PROGRAMME 12th - 25th AUGUST 2012

Full information at www.renaissanceone.co.uk

SUNDAY 12th AUG

2pm Family Event

Carnival Is...Storytelling by **Ava Hutchinson**.

4pm Family Event

A guide to Tobago by **Leslie Palmer**.

6pm RUM SHOP LIME

Informal talks by movers and shakers with strong connections to T&T. Journalist and activist **Attillah Springer** presents her personal insights on visionary, intellectual and civil rights worker **Claudia Jones**.

7:30pm Classical Concert: Soprano **Gweneth-Ann Jeffers** and Tenor **Brian Green**.
Post Concert Talk with **Andrea Hector Watkins**.

MONDAY 13th AUG

10:30am - 4:15pm Rhythms of T&T: readings from the Excerpts of the Amerindians.

6pm Art Opening: The Life of T&T

Showcasing a new wave of contemporary visual artists.

7:30pm Lawrence Scott: Readings from the internationally acclaimed author's new book *Light Falling on Bamboo* and conversation.

TUESDAY 14th AUG

6pm RUM SHOP LIME

Playwright **Mustapha Matura** talks about his range of writing including his new Trinidadian adaptation of *The Three Sisters* by Anton Chekhov.

6:30pm Carnival Dancing (Wining) Class with **Attillah Springer**.

7:30pm Rehearsed Reading: Three Sisters by **Mustapha Matura**.

Cast List: **Martina Laird**, **Indra Ové**, **Renée Castle**, **Brian Green**, **Alexis Rodney**, **Alan McKenna**, **Bevan Vincent**, **Shonel Jackson**, **Valmike Rampersad**. **Director:** **Ché Walker**.

WEDNESDAY 15th AUG

6pm RUM SHOP LIME: MUSTAPHA MATURA
Publisher, editor and broadcaster **Margaret Busby** OBE reads selected works of author, historian and social theorist **CLR James**.

7:30pm Rehearsed Reading: Three Sisters by **Mustapha Matura** (as Tue 14th).

THURSDAY 16th AUG

2pm Film, Family Event: Salt of the Earth directed by **Sophie Meyer**, narrated by **Martina Laird**.

6pm RUM SHOP LIME

Author and theatre director **Hassan Mahamdallie** talks about **Frank Crichtlow**, one of the godfathers of black radicalism and anti-racism throughout the 70's and 80's and founder of the Mangrove Community Association.

7:30pm Classical Concert: **Tony Woollard** and friends perform 'Bach to Now'.

FRIDAY 17th AUG

6pm RUM SHOP LIME

Alexander D Great shares insights on Calypsonian **Attila the Hun** and performs his classic tracks.

7:30pm Friday Late DOUBLE BILL: ZUMBA DANCE CLASS and LONDON LIMING.

London Liming is where spoken word meets carnival.

Performing are **Chalkdust**, **Alexander D Great**, **Monique Roffey**, **Attillah Springer**, **Ray Funk**, **Kevin Le Gendre**, **James Ingham**, **Melanie Abrahams**, **Vee Vee** and young performers from the **Calypso Tent Workshops**. www.ontilt.org

SATURDAY 18th AUG

2pm Film, Family Event: Independence on Film. Introduced by **Ray Funk**.

4pm Performance Talk: Dr. Dust & The Judge: **Chalkdust** one of calypso's greats co-presents an illustrated talk with **Ray Funk** a trial court judge and active archivist of calypso and carnival.

6pm RUM SHOP LIME

Poet and playwright **Malika Booker** shares her insights into and fondness for living legend **Calypso Rose**.

7:30pm TALK TIME: INDEPENDENCE!

A night of brilliant talkers and performers with **Paul Keens-Douglas**, **Chalkdust**, **Malika Booker**, **Vee Vee**, **Roger Robinson**, **Martina Laird**, **Ava Hutchinson**, **Ray Funk**, **Leslie Palmer** and more. Inspired by the Trinidad Talk Tent produced by **Paul Keens-Douglas**.

SUNDAY 19th AUG

12pm Family event

A guide to Tobago by **Leslie Palmer**.

2pm Little Red Riding Hood Concert, Workshop and Book Launch

Music and words by **Adam Walters** with illustrations by **Che Lovelace**.

4pm "Quotable Quotes in Calypso"

Lecture by **Chalkdust**.

6pm RUM SHOP LIME

Novelists **Monique Roffey** and **Amanda Smyth**, and journalist/critic **Kevin Le Gendre** discuss *New Fiction*.

7:30pm Classical Concert:

Hyacinth Nicholls and **Simone Sauphanor**.

9:30pm RUM SHOP LIME

"As Ah Was Sayin'...": An Evening with **Paul Keens-Douglas**. Come hear **Tanti Merle** at de Oval and other stories from an international raconteur.

MONDAY 20th AUG

6pm Film: Pan On Film

Introduced by **Debra Romain**.

7:30pm DOUBLE BILL: WE LOVE PAN and WOMEN OF STEEL

Artists present their passion for steelpan through music, words and song.

With **Alexander D Great**, **Vanya 'Pan Lady' Reid** (Tenor), **Delphina 'Panness' James** (Double Seconds), **Carlene 'Sweet Wrist' Etienne** (Double Tenor/Vocals), and **Debra 'PanDiva' Romain** (Tenor/Vocals).

TUESDAY 21st AUG

6pm RUM SHOP LIME & Book Launch: The Poems of Sam Selvon: presented by **Susheila Nasta** and **Cane Arrow Press**.

7:30pm Poets From Trinidad and Tobago
Readings by some of the finest living poets including **Paul Keens Douglas**, **John Lyons**, **Eintou Pearl Springer**, **Fawzia Kane**, **Faustin Charles** and **Ian Dieffenthaler**. Presented by **Cane Arrow Press**.

FESTIVAL VENUE

TRICYCLE THEATRE
269 Kilburn High Road
London NW6 7JR

(tubes: Kilburn/Queens Park)

WEDNESDAY 22nd AUG

2pm Film 'Salt of The Earth'

directed by **Sophie Meyer**.

3pm - 5pm Writers Masterclass

led by **Earl Lovelace**. A rare session to meet a masterful writer and discuss books, writing and influences. Places limited to 20 persons.

6pm RUM SHOP LIME

Practitioner, director, writer and current artistic director of the Bush Theatre **Madani Younis** talks about theatre creator, visionary, musician and heritage consultant **Geraldine Connor**.

7:30pm Felix Cross and Nitro's MASS CARIB in concert

A musical setting of the full Mass sung in Latin, English, French Patois and Yoruba and written for choir, soloists, percussion and steel-pan.

THURSDAY 23rd AUG

6pm RUM SHOP LIME

Anthony Joseph reads and performs extracts from 'Kitch': a fragmented, fictional biography of Lord Kitchener.

7:30pm A Classic Novel: The Dragon Can't Dance: **Earl Lovelace** in Conversation with journalist **Kevin Le Gendre**.

We take the opportunity to look at **Lovelace's** best-known novel, an uproarious and enlightening exultation to Trinidad's carnival traditions.

Plus: performance from **Neil Latchman**, classical opera tenor.

SATURDAY 25th AUG

1pm Zumba dance class: Calypso Style.

2pm Film, Family Event - Julia & Joyce: "Two stories of two dance pioneers" directed by **Sonja Dumas**.

3pm Ask Earl Lovelace: a Q & A with the Commonwealth Award-winning writer.

4pm Book Launch: Is Just a Movie by **Earl Lovelace**. The London Launch of the latest long-awaited book by **Lovelace**, published in 2011.

6pm FINALE JAM

Celebrate the end of the festival with performances by **New World Voices Chorale**, **Alexander D Great**, **Debra Romain**, **Anthony Joseph** and special guests.