



MEET THE PRODUCERS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN OUR CANADA/UK CO-PRODUCTION INCUBATOR!

CaribbeanTales Media Group in partnership with the **Toronto International Film Festival** will celebrate the 12th year of the **Creators of Colour Incubator (CCI)**, a month-long development lab, funded this year by **Telefilm Canada, Ontario Creates, The Canada Media Fund, The British Council**, and the **Canadian Embassy in Trinidad & Tobago**, that offers 5 teams the opportunity to be mentored by industry leaders.

This year, **CCI2021** will focus on mid-career and established filmmakers who have UK/Canada co-productions in development. The aim of the incubator will be to assist projects into the co-production landscape by introducing filmmakers to funders, broadcasters and producers who can move their projects forward.



"The U.K. is Canada's leading co-production partner country for over 40 years and we are thrilled to be supporting the CaribbeanTales' Creators of Colour Incubator and its Canadian teams to further elevate Black, Indigenous and People of Colour creators on a global scale, increasing the visibility and viability of diverse storytelling in the U.K. This will not only propel the careers of our country's talent but also proclaim the artistry of their work,"

Francesca Accinelli, V.P. of Promotion, Communication and International Relations at Telefilm Canada.

We are pleased to announce our exciting line-up of Creators, who will be participating in this year's Incubator Program. Join us in welcoming: **Frida Banks** (*East is West*), **Tarique Qayumi** (*Kabul Kitchen*), **Nadean Rawlins** and **Letay Williams** (*Traytown*), **Mary Wells** (*Moya's Love*), and **Mariel Brown, Lesley-Anne Macfarlane** and **Tracey Farrag** (*1990*).]

"Our focus is on co-productions that will give Black Indigenous and POC producers the tools to build capacity and relationships of synergy with communities of colour in other countries.

We look forward to creating international

opportunities for our participants as they tread forward creating strong, diverse and compelling content for the global market.”

Frances-Anne Solomon, CCI Founder, and Executive Director, CaribbeanTales Media Group.



This year's CCI mentors are CBC's Director of Engagement and Inclusion **Nick Davis**, British Producer **Barbara Emile** (East Enders), Actor and Showrunner **Anthony Farrell** (The Office), Canadian/Ethiopian producer **Tamara Dawit** (Finding Sally), and Producer **Moe Rai** (Funny Boy).



“One of the most important components of the Creators of Colour Incubator is that it is led by highly experienced BIPOC producers.

It is vital that our participants receive support from successful professionals who understand their lived experiences, challenges and perspectives.”

Nick Davis, CCI Lead Mentor, and Director of Engagement and Inclusion, CBC.



CCI culminates with the popular and highly anticipated **Big Pitch** competition, in partnership with the **Toronto International Film Festival**, an opportunity for participants to pitch their projects to a TIFF virtual audience as well as to an industry jury. The 2021 Big Pitch Edition will stream via TIFF's Industry website and CaribbeanTales-TV. The winners will benefit from a 3-month industry mentorship in

partnership with CTMG and its industry partners, as well as additional funding and prizes to put towards their films.

To date, CCI has successfully hosted over 200 filmmakers from around the world. Past participants have included director **Dawn Wilkinson** (Empire, How To Get Away With Murder), writer **Faisal Lutchmedial** (Ransom), writer/director **Nathalie Younglai** (Coroner), Director/Actor **Jimmy Jean-Louis** (Rattlesnake, HEROES), Actor/Director **Paul Pryce** (Marvel's Jessica Jones), and acclaimed British filmmaker **Menelik Shabazz**.

ABOUT CTMG



Built over 20 years, the **CaribbeanTales Media Group (CTMG)** provides an ecosystem of screen-based activities that serve Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour creators and audiences; a pipeline of services -- from creation through production, exhibition and distribution -- that uplift, enrich, promote and monetize BIPOC film and television content. CTMG is Black-owned, staffed and controlled. Our Board leadership and staff are mainly Black and culturally diverse.

Founded by [Frances-Anne Solomon](#), award-winning filmmaker and a Director member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences ([AMPAS](#)), CTMG includes: [CaribbeanTales Inc.](#), a registered Canadian Charity; [CaribbeanTales Worldwide Distribution](#), a film distribution company; the [CaribbeanTales International Film Festival](#), now celebrating 16 years; [Caribbeantales-TV](#) a VOD streaming service; the [Creators of Colour Incubator \(CCi\)](#), a year-round development and production hub for Creatives of Colour; and [CaribbeanTalesFlix](#), our production arm, which also includes CaribbeanTales UK.

Productions include: the feature films [HERO: Inspired by the Extraordinary Life of Mr. Ulric Cross](#), [Kingston Paradise](#) by acclaimed Jamaican filmmaker Mary Wells, the series pilots [Caribbean Girl NYC](#), by Mariette Monpierre, and [BattleDream Chronicles](#), by Alain Bidard, the sitcom [Lord Have Mercy](#), and documentary series [Heart Beat](#), as well as many others.

In 2014, Frances-Anne Solomon founded [CineFAM](#), to amplify the voices of women of colour creators worldwide, that now includes an annual film festival, a microcinema challenge for emerging creators, and an incubator for first-time feature directors.

2020 saw the launch of the annual [Windrush Caribbean Film Festival](#) in the UK, that celebrates in film the contributions of those intrepid travellers who began emigrating to the "Mother Country" from the Caribbean in 1948, and changed the face of Great Britain and the world.

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