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news shorts

NATIONAL PLAYWRITING COMPETITION

This is your chance to have your play produced by the Cayman National Cultural Foundation!

Submissions deadline is March 31, 2006.

BARBADOS: NIFCA AWARDS 2005

Among award-winners this year -

Percé Tappin Award for Photography: Neil Hutchinson for 'Radiation'

James Millington Award in Music: Israel Lovell Foundation Steel Band

Kamau Brathwaite Award in Poetry: Rawle Husbands for 'Tell Me Lies'

Governor General's Awards for Excellence

In Photography: Leslie Taylor for 'Roots & Thorns'

In Dance: Gene Carson for 'Metamorphosis'

In Culinary Arts: Ezra Beckles

BREAD LOAF WRITERS' CONFERENCE ESTABLISHES INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

MIDDLEBURY, Vt.—The Middlebury College Bread Loaf Writers' Conference has established the Michael and Marylee Fairbanks International Fellowship. The annual fellowship will be awarded to an African or Caribbean writer, who will attend the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference from Aug. 16-27, 2006. Poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction writers who have published at least one but not more than two books in English within the past four years are eligible to apply. The fellowship provides the conference fee as well as travel expenses. Preference will be given to applicants who currently live in Africa or the Caribbean.

The Bread Loaf Writers' Conference has been encouraging literary writing, primarily in the United States, since its founding in 1925 by poet Robert Frost. According to Michael Collier, the conference's director, the Fairbanks Fellowship will help to expand Bread Loaf's mission. "It is a distinctive addition to the group of prestigious annual Bread Loaf Fellowships that have been awarded to emerging writers from the United States for more than eight decades," said Collier. Past Bread Loaf Fellows include Carson McCullers, Eudora Welty, Theodore Roethke, May Swenson, Joan Didion, Tim O'Brien, Julia Alvarez, and Carolyn Forché.

The Fairbanks International Fellowship was established by Michael Fairbanks, co-founder of the Massachusetts-based OTF Group, a company that creates marketing and economic strategies for countries with developing and transitional economies. "The Fairbanks International Fellowship is the natural outgrowth of the OTF Group's commitment to supporting and encouraging the widest range of activities that ensure the growth of nations and communities," said Fairbanks.

This year's application deadline for the Fairbanks Fellowship is April 1, 2006. For complete guidelines and information, contact Noreen Cargill at the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont 05753 or blwc@middlebury.edu. Guidelines and information are also available on the Middlebury College Web site at www.middlebury.edu/blwc.

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theatre arts

JADA 'SPOTLIGHT'

Jamaica - **JADA "Spotlight"**, a new Sunday morning theatre series presented by the Jamaica Association of Dramatic Artists, had its premiere showing Sunday, November 27 at 11:00 a.m. in the Dennis Scott Studio Theatre at the School of Drama.

JADA "Spotlight" is a potpourri of staged readings, film viewings, poetry, personality profiles, short lectures and news items that are all relevant to the Jamaican/Caribbean theatre aesthetic at home and abroad.

As Alwin Bully, Chairman of the **JADA "Spotlight"** Planning Committee puts it: "This series is really about expanding the consciousness of theatre, inclusive of letting the rest of Jamaica know what is happening with Jamaicans overseas. We are doing incredibly well, even by world standards, and there's just not enough excitement about the Jamaican theatre scene – both in terms of what is happening here and what's happening with Jamaican performers who are making it big overseas," he added.

Mr. Bully pointed out that, given the prolific nature of Jamaica's theatrical offerings, there was no reason why Jamaica should not be included in the Black Theatre circuit overseas. "For instance, one major musical – **The Big Life** – which is currently playing on London's prestigious West End is about Jamaica, as was another production, **Bashment**, which closed recently. We want the new JADA Sunday morning series to throw the spotlight on all of that," he added.

This Sunday's presentation will include an excerpt from a one-act play, 'Calaloo', directed by Bobby Clarke; a profile of Jamaican-born singer and actress of stage and screen Saskia Garel – whose credits include the lead role of Mimi in the Canadian production of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Broadway show **Rent** and the part of Jasmine on the TV series **Nightman**; an excerpt from the Video for Change docu-drama **The Doctress – Mary Secole of Jamaica**; theatre news from home and abroad – including productions that are making "waves" overseas; and a "Talking Point" segment that will spotlight new developments in theatre.

JADA's Sunday morning sessions – which are initially scheduled to be presented in alternate months – are also intended to afford JADA members and other theatre practitioners and aficionados an opportunity to meet and interact with each other in a casual and open setting.

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Art Professionals— art.com.jm
Alexander Cooper—
alexandercoper.com
Alison Hinds - alison-hinds.com
Ashe Ensemble - ashe-jm.com
Antonio Roberts- antonioroberts.com
Barrington Watson -
barringtonwatson.com
Corrie Scott -
[http://mysite.freemove.com/
corrieart](http://mysite.freemove.com/corrieart)
Callaloo Company -
www.callaloo.co.tt
Colin F- colin-f.com
Nadine Cheng—
nadines.freeyellow.com
Graham Davis— davispaintings.com
David Rudder - davidrudder.co.tt
Hortence Brouwn - brouwn.com
Jonna Brasch – jonnabrasch.com
Guy Harvey - guyharveyart.co
Mighty Sparrow - mightysparrow.com
Peter Minshall -
<http://minshall.wow.net>
Brian Wong Won – brianwongwon.com

Bands

3 Canal in Trinidad - 3canal.co.tt
Barbarossa Band -
barbarossaintl.com
Krosfyah - krosfyah.com
Harts band - hartscarnival.com
Poison band - poison.co.tt
Renegades - renegades.co.tt
Mile High Band - milehighband.com
Melody Makers - melodymakers.com
Third World - thirdworldband.com
Soul Case - soulcase.com
Sukiyaki steel orchestra-
<http://sukiyaki.wow.net>

Gallery Sites

Amos Art Studio - amosart@ibl.bm
Artcuba - artcuba.com
Art Cubana – artcubana.com
Art Latin – artlatin.com
Arts&Craft Guyana –
artscraftguyana.com
Clear View Art Gallery –
otrott@northrock.bm
Cayman Isl. Nat'l Museum -
museum.ky
Easy Jammin Art - asyjamminart.com

Harmony Hall – harmonyhall.com
Gallery Gia - gallerygia.com
Michael Swan Gallery -
michaelswan.com
Savannah Gallery - <http://savannah.ai>
Simiya- simiya.com
Wassi Art - wassart.com
Windjammer Gallery –
wgallery@ibl.bm

Music

Afro Mix - afromix.com
Afro Cuba Web - afrocubaweb.com
Bob Marley - bobmarley.com
Caribbean Music Expo - cme.com.jm
Caribbean Pulse –
caribbeanpulse.com
Icerecords – icerecords.com
JW Records - jwrecords.com
Reggae Hall of Fame
reggae-hallofame.com

Music Festivals

Ocho Rios Jazz Festival
ochoriosjazz.com
St Lucia Jazz Festival -
stluciajazz.com
Summerfest –
reggaesummerfest.com
World Creole Music Festival
- dominica.dm
World Carnivals - carnaval.com

Organisations

Barbados Arts Council
[http://mysite.freemove.com/
BACNews](http://mysite.freemove.com/BACNews)
National Drama Association of
Trinidad
<http://drama.wow.net/>
Caribbean Contemporary Arts
www.cca7.org

Performance Spaces

Reichhold Center -
reichholdcenter.com

Performance Artists

Ashe Performing Arts Ensemble
ashe-jm.com

Publishers

Peepal Tree Press
peepaltreepress.com
CAPNet
capnetonline.com
Ian Randle Publishers
ianrandlepublishers.com

Theatre

Trinidad Theatre Workshop
opus.co.tt/ttw/
Stage One Theatre Group
angelfire.com/va/stageone

Television/Video

Banyan Productions
pancaribbean/banyan

Writers

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[http://personal.ecu.edu/deenas/
caribbean/brathwaite.htm](http://personal.ecu.edu/deenas/caribbean/brathwaite.htm)
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Kwame Dawes
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[http://personal.ecu.edu/deenas/
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[http://personal.ecu.edu/deenas/
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Bahamas Writer
www.bahamaswriter.com



events calendar

What: Highlights of Surinamese Art and Products
When: Last two days are December 1&2, 2005
Where: National Museum, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago
Info: In celebration of Suriname's 30th anniversary of Independence. Admission is free. Tele (868) 623-5941; Email museum@tstt.net.tt

What: Gimistory – storytelling festival
When: December 1-3, 2005
Where: December 1 – Public Beach, West Bay; December 2 – Public Beach, East End; December 3 – Smith Barcadere, South Sound, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

What: 'Precious' – theatre production
When: December 1-3, 2005
Where: Lecture Theatre One, Cave Hill Campus, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados
Info: A tribute to the Rt. Excellent Samuel Jackman Prescod and commemorating the 39th Anniversary of Barbados' independence, this production was written by Hilary Beckles and directed by Harclyde Walcott.

What: Cayman JazzFest
When: December 1-3, 2005
Where: Westin Casuarina Hotel and The Tree House, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands
Info: Tickets US\$30-90. Scheduled performers include George Duke, Al Jarreau, Yolanda Adams, Earl Klugh, Chris Botti and Ravi Coltrane. More info at www.caymanislands.ky/jazzfest

What: Kalalu World Music Festival
When: December 1-4, 2005
Where: Samaans Park, Choc Bay, St. Lucia
Info: This is the first annual Heineken Kalalu World Music Festival. Tickets are US\$25 and US\$30, with a season pass at US\$100. Contact (758) 452-9950 or Email info@kalalufestival.com

What: Lectures on Bermuda's art
When: December 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2005
Where: Waterloo House, Pitts Bay Road, City of Hamilton, Pembroke, Bermuda
Info: These are free one-hour lectures, tele (441) 295-1480, or Department of Community & Cultural Affairs, (441) 292-9447 or website www.bermutatourism.com.

What: Mini Winter Carnival
When: December 2-4, 2005
Where: Saba
Info: "Island-wide festivities with competitions, sporting events, barbecues, steel bands and dance contests."

What: Virgil Broodhagen art exhibition
When: Opens December 4, 2005
Where: The Main Guard, the Garrison, Christ Church, Barbados

What: Carmichael Prize group show
When: Opens December 4, 2005
Where: Zemicon Gallery, Hincks Street, Bridgetown, Barbados

What: Chewstick's Neo-Griot Lounge
When: December 4 & 18, 2005
Where: Champions Sports Club, City of Hamilton, Pembroke, Bermuda
Info: "Some call it open-mic, others call it spoken word, we call it Neo-Griot and you can experience it at Chewstick's Neo-Griot Lounge. Poets, singers, spoken word, artists, rappers, DJs, musicians, writers and supporters are all welcome. Admission \$5. Enquiries: Chewstick, 79 Court Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda, tele 441 234 1270, email stickin2gether@chewstick.com or website www.chewstick.com"

What: The Art Supermarket
When: Opens December 4-23, 2005
Where: Queen's Park Gallery, Queen's Park, Bridgetown, Barbados
Info: "Art and Craft by artists such as Arthur Atkinson, Juliana Inniss, Omowale Stewart, Ras Ishi and many others. This is the only exhibition for the year that is so varied and allows patrons to remove the work at purchase. This means that new work will replace the sold items, so it's worth making several visits. Gallery hours are 10am -6pm Mon. to Sat.

What: Santa Claus Day
When: December 6, 2005
Where: Terre-de-Bas/Les Saintes, Guadeloupe
Info : Activities in honour of the Saint of the City include Sailors' mas, street processions and the benediction of the sea. Tele 05.90.99.82.27



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What: Arts, Crafts, Food and Wood Show
 When: December 6-8, 2005
 Where: House of Culture, Belize
 Info: Contact (501) 227-0164 re exhibiting.

What: Festival Internacional del Nuevo Cine Latinoamericano
 When: December 6-16, 2005
 Where: Havana, Cuba – Hotel Nacional de Cuba and Cines de la Ciudad
 Info: Festival of animated, documentary, experimental and fiction films.

What: Lectures on Bermuda's culture and traditions
 When: December 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2005 11am-12noon
 Where: Bermuda National Gallery, City Hall & Arts Centre, Church Street, City of Hamilton, Pembroke, Bermuda
 Info: Enquiries: Visitors' Service Bureau, tele (441) 295-1480, or Department of Community & Cultural Affairs, (441) 292-9447, or website www.bermudatourism.com.

What: In Joyful Song
 When: December 8-11, 2005
 Where: Queen's Hall, St. Ann's, Trinidad & Tobago
 Info: The Marionettes Chorale offers their annual Christmas concerts. Tele (868) 621-5102-4. Tickets TT\$125 reserved, TT\$100 open.

What: Bahamas International Film Festival – Cinema in Paradise
 When: December 8-11, 2005
 Where: Nassau and other locations, The Bahamas
 Info: "In celebration of *Cinema in Paradise*, the second annual Bahamas International Film Festival will present approximately fifty films, encompassing international features, shorts, documentaries, and animation. The theme of the Official Competition is the "Spirit of Freedom" with a focus on works that provide insight into the mosaic of cultures that make up our world. Competition films will be eligible for a Grand Jury Prize. The other categories are 1) "New Visions," a showcase for emerging artists, providing the festival audience with the opportunity to discover the next generation of visionary filmmakers, 2) "World Cinema," a selection of international films, and 3) The "Caribbean Spotlight," a collection of films by Caribbean filmmakers." For more information: www.bintlfilmfest.com ; www.bahamasinternationalfilmfestival.com

What: Remembrance concert for Joseph Robinson
 When: December 10, 2005
 Where: Little Theatre, Tom Redcam Drive, Kingston 5, Jamaica
 Info: In memory of Joseph Robinson, dancer, choreographer, teacher and founder/leader of 'Ashe', who died on December 2, 2005.

What: Rumba and Conga Workshop
 When: December 10-11, 2005
 Where: Alfonso House, Havana, Cuba
 Info: Presentations, concerts, workshops, dance and percussion classes, tours and more. www.afrocubaweb.com/rumbaconga2005.htm

What: Book reading – Geoffrey Philp
 When: December 13, 2005 8pm
 Where: Books and Books, Coral Gables, Miami, Florida, USA
 Info: Geoffrey Philp's latest publication is *Twelve Poems and a Story for Christmas*. He will also be reading at the Diaspora Vibe Gallery on December 18 at 4pm and at St John's on the Lake at the Christmas Eve service.

What: The Bahamas Dance Theatre annual dance Christmas performance
 When: December 15-18, 2005
 Where: Dundas Centre for the Performing Arts, Nassau, The Bahamas
 Info: "The show represents works by students from primary to seniors in a wide variety of dance and song."

What: Book Launch – 'Born to Slow Horses' by Kamau Brathwaite
 When: December 16, 2005
 Where: The Shell Suite, Cave Hill Campus, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados
 Info: Latest publication from one of the Caribbean's premier poets.

What: Christmas Handicraft Fair
 When: December 16-18, 2005
 Where: In front of the Santo Domingo Cathedral, Dominican Republic
 Info: "Friday, 16 December, some of the best handicrafts made in the DR will be shown from 3 to 9 pm. Then again on Saturday, 17 December from 9 to 9 pm and on Sunday, 18 December from 10 to 7 pm."



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What: Carriacou Parang Festival
When: December 16-18 climax
Where: Carriacou, Grenada
Info: "Festivities begin on Friday with a free open air concert in the streets of Hillsborough featuring carol singing, cultural presentations and parang string bands, followed by house to house ""paranging"" all night. On Saturday night enjoy live performances from entertainers from around the world. On Sunday organized parang groups from villages throughout Carriacou, Grenada and Petite Martinique compete for the challenge trophy and cash prizes, performing a compulsory Christmas Carol and their selected piece. Traditional Carriacou celebration dances such as the Quadrille and Big Drum will also spice up the night.. Admission (Sat & Sun only) is EC\$ 25 in advance, EC\$ 30 at the door. Tele (473) 443-7675; Fax (473) 443-7678; Email ccouparang@hotmail.com or visit www.grenadines.net/carriacou/parang.html

What: Nine Mornings Festival
When: December 16-25, 2005
Where: St. Vincent & The Grenadines
Info: "The Nine Mornings Festival is celebrated annually during the nine mornings before Christmas, December 16th – December 25th. This festival normally starts at 4:00 am. Nine Mornings is a unique Vincentian festivity associated with the Christmas season. Nine mornings before Christmas, Vincentians awake in the early hours of the morning and partake in a range of activities, among them sea baths, dances (or in local parlance, fetes), bicycle riding and street concerts. In the rural areas, the final morning of the festivity usually ended with a steel band "jump-up". <http://www.svgtourism.com> "

What: Parang Finals 2005
When: December 17, 2005 8pm
Where: Parang Headquarters, Arima, Trinidad & Tobago
Info: Tickets TT\$40 at door. Current champions are Los Alumnos de San Juan.

What: Waterfront Art Gallery Exhibition
When: December 17, 2005-January 14, 2006
Where: Waterfront Café, Carenage, Bridgetown, Barbados
Info: Featured artist is Ellen Hoch-Kramer. "Light, witty, bright colours present an arresting view of landscapes, people and interiors".

What: St Kitts & Nevis National Carnival 2005
When: Dec 17 2005 – Jan 3, 2006
Where: St. Kitts & Nevis
Info: Most concert/competition events at Carnival City; Party Monarch 24th Dec 9pm Carnival City; Children's Carnival 31st Dec 2pm Carnival City; Grand Carnival Parade 2nd Jan 2pm on the streets of Basseterre.

What: 'Oliver Pon de Grass'
When: December 18, 2005
Where: Melrose Farms & Estates, Clarendon, St. Ann / Ocho Rios, St. Ann – Jamaica
Info: Oliver Samuels' 35th Anniversary Celebrations. "Jamaica's internationally acclaimed comedian extraordinaire, the Hon. Oliver Samuels, CD, will celebrate thirty five glorious years in Theatre. The rustic setting of the Melrose Farms and Estates will be the platform for presentation of two scripts written by Barbara Gloudon and Aston Cook. Other artists billed for the event such as ASHE will lend their own interpretation of one of Oliver's Recorded Musical pieces." Tele 876-972-3300/450-3917 or Email rastagency@cwjamaica.com

What: Paramin Parang Festival
When: December 19, 2005 7pm
Where: Morne Cyril Grounds, Saut D'Eau Road, Paramin, Trinidad & Tobago
Info: Festival of parang and food.

What: LTM Pantomime
When: December 26, 2005 – May 8, 2006
Where: The Little Theatre, Tom Redcam Drive, Kingston 5, Jamaica
Info: Tele (876) 926-6129/906-4959; Fax (876) 968-0759 or Email bertent1@n5.com.jm



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What: Gingerama
When: December, dates not yet announced.
Where: Nevis, St. Kitts & Nevis
Info: "A festival of indigenous music, culture and art form held in one of the local communities of Nevis – Gingerland."

What: Parang Festival
When: December 2005
Where: Trinidad & Tobago
Info: Parang music and dance groups move around the streets; local and national competitions and prizes.

What: Best Village Competition
When: December 2005
Where: Several venues around Trinidad & Tobago
Info: The Best Village Competition in the performing and visual arts ends during December with finals in all genres.

What: The Barbados Pictorial Diary 2006
When: Now on, closes December 14, 2005
Where: Pelican Gallery, Pelican Village, Bridgetown, Barbados
Info: This exhibition features artists Christine Taylor, Corrie Scott, Jean Blades, Martina Pile, Tracey Williams and Margaret Rodriguez.. See also <http://barbadosdiary2006.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/>

