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Film & Folklore Festival 2023 launches with *Papa Yo!*

Port of Spain, 28th March 2023: This year the Film & Folklore Festival (FFF) launches its 5th annual edition with the theme *Papa Yo!* on **Friday 31st March 2023**. This theme encompasses the 'Trinbagonian' expression, Look Ting! which illustrates the Trinbagonian narrative of how we communicate with one another when we see something that is dramatic, intense or something with a story behind it. This phrase continues to encapsulate our view to traditional folklore. Our in-person festival period this year starts with *Papa Yo!*, our Red Carpet opening night on **Friday 31st March 2023, 7:00pm**, at 18 Mary's Street, St. Clair, Port of Spain. It continues with our Film Screenings at MovieTowne, Port of Spain on **Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd April 2023** and ends with Camp Folklore on **Saturday 29th July 2023**.

Papa Yo! 2023, our Red Carpet opening night, promises to be a night to remember. The event is inclusive of traditional cuisine and entertainment performed by a myriad of practitioners including comedians, singers, and of course, our folklore storytellers.

Our two days of film screening will take place at MovieTowne, Port-of-Spain. This year, in addition to a wide array of international films, we will be showcasing quite a number of Trinidadian films, including the premiere of the films Behind the Blue - A "New Management" Story, After The Apocalypse - Only The Strong Survive, James and Fantastic Friday. Other local films include Douen, PB and the Buck, Success, 3 Points and CODE 727.

Camp Folklore takes place during the July/August school vacation making it a perfect setting for the enjoyment of the entire family. For this event, we've partnered with the Scouts Association of Trinidad and Tobago. This will entail a series of scouting activities, games, and live storytelling segments mixed with fun traditional playground eats and treats for all to enjoy. The event will also engage in a range of interactive activities under the guidance and observation of cultural and experienced ambassadors.

To bring this year's vision to life, the FFF has partnered with Eximbank Ltd., Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, Scout Association of Trinidad and Tobago, Tommy's Brewing Company, Couva/ Point Lisas Chamber of Commerce, Metro Hotel, Brydens Trinidad & Tobago, KC Confectionery Limited and Trinidad and Tobago Television (TTT) Ltd.

To purchase tickets to our Red Carpet opening night use the following link: <https://islandetickets.com/event/RedCarpetFFF5>.

Stay tuned for all the exciting things the FFF has in store by following the Facebook and Instagram pages: @filmfolklorefestival.

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About the Film & Folklore Festival

The Film and Folklore Festival is an event festival founded in Trinidad & Tobago which invites persons to experience a unique and interactive experience in storytelling, music, spoken word and film. Launched in 2019, the festival focuses on preserving stories and folk traditions as well as promoting Trinidad and Tobago as a cultural tourism destination.

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