

SPECIAL THANKS

GEORGE AND JOYCE WEIN FUND AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY
WELLESLEY COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF AFRICANA STUDIES

PROFESSOR SELWYN CUDJOE
PROFESSOR HARCOURT BRACE FULLER
PROFESSOR LINDA HEYWOOD

ROY ANDERSON
CAROL LEGGETT
MICHAEL SMITH

JAMAICAN CAKE
BY *CAKES BY WAYNE*

TRINIDADIAN PHOLOURIES & DOUBLES
BY *SINGH RESTAURANT*

JAMAICAN PATTIES
BY LORENZ'S RESTAURANT

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

138 MOUNTFORT STREET | BROOKLINE, MA 02446

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
INDEPENDENCE
JAMAICA & TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

SCREENING OF
AKWANTU: THE JOURNEY
FILM BY ROY T. ANDERSON

OCTOBER 2ND
6 O'CLOCK

PHOTONICS BUILDING | 8 ST. MARY'S ST | ROOM 906

ORDER OF EVENTS

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY, DR. NEIL PARSAN *AMBASSADOR OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA*

On August 31, 2012, Trinidad and Tobago celebrated the 50th Anniversary of its Independence from Great Britain. This is a significant milestone for any nation and celebrations commemorating this very special occasion took place throughout the diaspora and in Trinidad and Tobago as well.

In recognition of our Golden Jubilee, the Embassy received proclamations from the Governors of the states of Florida, Texas and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and from the Mayors of more than 20 major cities across the US including Los Angeles, Boston, Miami and Houston. Additionally August 31, 2012 was declared "Trinidad and Tobago Day" in 25 cities throughout the US including Chicago, Atlanta, Houston, Boston, Charlotte and Miami.

For a nation of 1.3 million persons, we have certainly made significant contributions in a variety of spheres: our petrochemical industry is world-renowned and Trinidad and Tobago is now recognized as the financial capital of the English-speaking Caribbean. Thousands visit our twin-island republic each year to participate in the Greatest Show on Earth – T&T Carnival. Our vibrant and diverse culture has persevered and flourished throughout the years and our country continues to be a shining example of multiculturalism.

Trinidad and Tobago has made great strides over the last 50 years in its development as a nation and the members of the diaspora, have undoubtedly contributed to this development. Let us continue to move from strength to strength in promoting and celebrating the diverse culture and heritage of Trinidad and Tobago.

Thank you.



Dr. Neil Parsan
Ambassador

6:00 PM **NATIONAL ANTHEMS**

UNITED STATES, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO | *SUNG BY OSWALD FITZGERALD*
JAMAICA | *SUNG BY VERNA LLEWELLYN*

WELCOME

6:05 PM ALLISON BLAKELY
DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

6:07 PM LINDA HEYWOOD
PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

6:10 PM **CULTURAL PERFORMANCES**

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE | *JAH JAH DRUMMERS*

DIRECTED BY GLENN NOEL & CAROL LEGGETT

DANCE PERFORMANCE | *ARK DANCERS*

DIRECTED BY CLARENCE NURSE

DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE | *WILVA MARK & WILMA CLOUDEN*

EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES

6:35 PM DENZIL D. MCKENZIE
HONORARY CONSUL TO BOSTON, CONSULATE OF JAMAICA

6:40PM CAROL LEGGETT
LETTER FROM TRINIDAD & TOBAGO AMBASSADOR, DR. NEIL PARSAN

ACADEMIC REFLECTIONS ON CARIBBEAN INDEPENDENCE

6:45 PM ORLANDO PATTERSON
JOHN COWLES PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

7:00 PM SELWYN CUDJOE
PROFESSOR OF AFRICANA STUDIES AT WELLESLEY COLLEGE

7:15 PM EMMANUEL AKYEAMONG | GHANA & THE CARIBBEAN
PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

7:30 PM **INTRODUCTION TO AKWANTU: THE JOURNEY**

ROY T. ANDERSON
PRODUCER & DIRECTOR OF AKWANTU: THE JOURNEY

7:45 PM **FILM SCREENING** | AKWANTU: THE JOURNEY