

Green Days by the River to open trinidad+tobago



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Green Days by the River, a film adaptation of Michael Anthony's classic 1967 novel of the same name, will open this year's trinidad+tobago film festival (ttff/17).

The ttff made the announcement via its website on Wednesday evening.

This will be the first local film by a T&T director and producer to open the festival.

Director Michael Mooleedhar's film is set in the idyllic countryside of 1950s Mayaro and re-tells the story of 15-year-old Shell. Newly arrived in the village, he quickly gets caught between his longing to be a man, and his child-like innocence in the face of adult cunning.

With adolescent hormones raging, amidst the beauty of the local girls and the Mayaro landscape, the quiet storm that's brewing may prove more than Shell can handle and life as he once knew it may never be the same again.

Beautifully shot — echoing the book's emphasis on nature — and faithful to the novel in other ways, the film has strong performances from acting newcomer and secondary school

student – Sudai Tafari (Shell), Anand Lawkaran (Mr Gidharrie), and veterans Che Rodriguez (Pa), and Dara Healy (Ma Lammy).



Mooleedhar said of the selection of his film for opening night: “It is a dream come true. I screened my first film at the ttff in 2008 and ever since the festival has been our first stop for premiering our movies, so it is truly an honour. I always look forward to this event and this year promises to be even more special. The Green Days by the River team is excited to be sharing this film with Trinidad and Tobago and the world.”

Bruce Paddington, founder and festival director of the ttff said: “We are thrilled to once again be opening the Festival with a local feature. Green Days by the River was one of 15 films in development that participated in our Caribbean Film Mart in 2015. As two graduates of the UWI film school, it is such a joy to see Michael Mooleedhar and Christian James’ film come to fruition. We expect it to go from strength to strength and hope people will come out in their numbers to see it.”

The red carpet premiere of Green Days by the River at NAPA, Port-of-Spain on September 19, will be followed by a screening at MovieTowne San Fernando, on Monday, September 25, at 6.00 pm.

Tickets for the Port-of-Spain premiere go on sale from August 21 and can be purchased at the NAPA box office, or ordered online at: ttfilmfestival.com, from that date.