

TT Film Festival to screen God Loves The Fighter at We Beat

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The award-winning film *God Loves the Fighter*, a gritty, urban drama by US-based, TT-born filmmaker Damian Marcano, will screen at We Beat's We Film Night on Tuesday, June 6 at 7pm in tribute to the late Earl Crosby. The free screening, at the St James Amphitheatre, is presented by the trinidad+tobago film festival (tfff), courtesy its sponsor, Flow.

Hailed for its "non-conformist and thrilling voice" by the UK's *Candid* magazine and for its "slick cinematography" by the film magazine, *Variety*, *God Loves the Fighter*, played to sold out audiences at the tfff 2013, where it won the People's Choice Award and the Best Local Feature Award.

It also went on to win the 2014 Yellow Robin Award at the Curaçao International Film Festival Rotterdam among others.

God Loves the Fighter tells the story of Charlie, a young man seeking to make ends meet on the streets of Port of Spain. Reluctantly, he takes a job from a gang leader as assistant to a

drug courier. As he becomes entangled in a web of deceit, the ripple effects are felt across the city, complicating his attempts at redemption.

Shot during the 2011 State of Emergency, in an urgent and unflinching style, *God Loves the Fighter* was Marcano's debut feature film. A Trinidadian who grew up in Morvant, Marcano moved to America at age 12, later enrolling as a pre-med student at Ohio State University, before moving to New York to become a web design programmer.

Rated 18+, admission is free and drinks and refreshments will be on sale. Patrons can also bring their own blankets and mats.

The trinidad+tobago film festival celebrates films from and about the Caribbean and its diaspora, as well as from world cinema, through an annual festival and year-round screenings. In addition, the ttff seeks to facilitate the growth of Caribbean cinema by offering a wide-ranging industry programme and networking opportunities. The ttff is presented by Flow, given leading sponsorship by bpTT, and contributing sponsorship by RBC Royal Bank.

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