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RBC Youth Jury selected

By trinidad+tobago film festival

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(PRESS RELEASE) – Seven young people will enjoy the trinidad+tobago film festival (tfff) 2017 experience as jurors for the RBC Royal Bank Youth Jury Award.

The jurors were selected following an open call for submissions earlier this year. They will view six films in competition during tfff/17 and the award for first place will be presented at the tfff's prize-giving ceremony on

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Tuesday 26 September 2017, at the Central Bank Auditorium, Port of Spain.

The tfff/17 Youth Jury members are:

Dominic Adel Branche, Belmont
Anais Khan- George, St. Augustine
Charles Arjan Bachew, D'Abadie
Josiah Persad, Sangre Grande
Nicholas Rampersad, Penal
Shania Duncan, Chaguanas
Shivanna Maharaj, Sangre Grande

The jury, comprising mainly of high school students, were selected based on essays they submitted on why they loved their favourite film. During tfff/17, under the mentorship of film critic and journalist, B.C. Pires, the Jury will view six Caribbean and international feature length films, featuring young protagonists negotiating through a variety of 'coming of age' situations, issues and challenges.

After the jurors have viewed all the films in competition, they will choose the winning film. The director of the feature will receive a trophy plus a cash award of \$5,000 sponsored and presented by RBC Royal Bank at the tfff/17 Award Ceremony.

The six films in competition are:

- * Green Days by the River – Michael Moolleedhar, Trinidad+Tobago
- * Moko Jumbie – Vashti Anderson, Trinidad+Tobago
- * Reinbou – David Maler + Andrés Cubelo, Dominican Republic
- * The Violin Teacher – Sérgio Machado, Brazil
- * El Techo – Patricia Ramos, Cuba
- * Keyla – Viviana Gómez Echeverry, Colombia

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The Youth Jury initiative was launched in 2012 as a way of stimulating interest in fostering a critical appreciation of independent film among young people.

The trinidad+tobago film festival (tfff) 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 tfff seeks to facilitate the growth of Caribbean cinema by offering a wide-ranging industry programme and networking opportunities.

The tfff is presented by Flow; given leading sponsorship by BP Trinidad and Tobago and the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts; supporting sponsorship by UN Women and the Inter-American Development Bank; and contributing sponsorship by RBC Royal Bank.

