

# 'Green Days By the River' to open ttff/17 \*

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*Director Michael Mooleedhar, left, and producer Christian James at work on the film shoot.*

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), with a red carpet gala and screening to be held at the National Academy for the Performing Arts (NAPA), Port of Spain on September 19.

The first local film by a homegrown director and producer to open the festival, director of the movie, filmmaker 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.