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The award-winning film *God Loves the Fighter*, by T&T filmmaker Damian Marcano, is expected to play to a full house when it screens in St. James on Tuesday, June 6, having previously played to sold-out audiences at the trinidad+tobago film festival (tff) in 2013, and at other screenings around the world.

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Melvina Hazard of the Trinidad and Tobago Film Festival and actor Muhammad Muwakil--who plays the titular role of Charlie--stopped by Loop to talk more about the film.

The free screening will take place during the WeBeat Festival, at 7 pm at the St James Amphitheatre, next door to the St James Police Station on the Western Main Road.

Shot during the 2011 State of Emergency, *God Loves The Fighter* tells a story about life lived on the edge - a life far removed from some, yet clearly very much part of the social fabric of urban T&T.

Morvant-born, L.A.-based Damian Marcano, who co-wrote the screenplay with Alexa Bailey, stated at the time: "I always saw the beauty of my community. Yes, we're taking a very unflinching look, but it's so real, so true, and we tried to add some beautiful poetry and beautiful imagery to the story. It was very important for me as a young man from there to team up with other young people from the same community. So this film was a joint effort of people from the "less desirable" places we read about in the papers. To a lot of us from there, and a lot of us currently living there, it's a beautiful place."

Filmed exclusively in Trinidad, it features a top-notch cast including veteran actors Errol Sitahal, Albert Leveau and Penelope Spencer, as well as relative newcomers Jaime Lee Phillips (as call girl, Dinah) Abdi Waithe (as drug don, Stone), Lou Lyons (as the vagrant rap poet, King Curtis) and Muhammad Muwakil (as the ill-fated protagonist, Charlie).

Rated 18+, this screening of *God Loves The Fighter* is sponsored by Flow. Admission is free and refreshments will be on sale. Patrons can also bring their own blankets and mats.

Visit tffilmfestival.com for more details.