

MULTI-TALENTED BARBADIAN DIASPORA ARTISTS HEADLINE THE 15TH ANNUAL CaFA FAIR BARBADOS, MARCH 5 - 9, 2025

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Thursday, January 16, 2025: Multi-award-winning scenic designer and visual artist Christopher Cumberbatch, headlines a list of over 40 Caribbean and Diaspora contemporary artists participating in the 15th Annual Caribbean Fine Art (CaFA) Fair, at the refurbished Pelican House. Mr. Cumberbatch will discuss his career designing and creating sets for stage and screen on Saturday afternoon, as part of the daily schedule of art, fashion, film, and performance. Actor/Director Tyson Hall, whose credits include Empire Boulevard, Raising Kanan and Godfather of Harlem will discuss his career and filmography at UWI EBCCI on the Thursday night of the Fair at 7 pm. His visual art will also be on display at the Pelican House venue, which is adjacent to the historic Pelican Village Craft Center in the heart of Capital City Bridgetown. Both Mr. Cumberbatch and Mr. Hall are Barbadian Diaspora born in the US. While operating on opposite sides of the camera they have worked with many of the biggest names in the film and TV world.

Art enthusiasts worldwide will be able to join CaFA Fair 2025 in person at Pelican House in Bridgetown, Barbados, or without leaving their homes by visiting the website www.caribbean.global, from March 5 to 9.

“We are excited to present the range of styles and media from emerging and established artists representing 14 Caribbean nations, Ghana, Senegal and the USA,” said CaFA Fair executive director Anderson M. Pilgrim. “We are honored to feature the array of local, regional and diaspora talent as part of our scheduled programming this year.”

“With the incredible international growth and interest in Caribbean fine art, the opportunity to present a broader vision of the cultural creativity from the region grows as well,” added Daniel Hort, the Executive Director of Onomatopoeia Art and a co-producer of the event. “Our presentation of Cosmoda Runway, introduced in 2023 as a major element of our Fashion Showcase, will enhance the opportunities to work with major pageant and fashion outlets to present the colors, style and artistry of carnival.”

This year’s fine art show will feature a strong representation of photography and photo-based art, from practitioners in the Caribbean and the Diaspora. In fact, a panel of experts will explore the subject of “Contemporary Photography: Mixed media and Photo-based art” on Sunday afternoon 2 – 3.30pm.

Caribbean artists showcasing their works at CaFA 2025 include: Ademola Olugebefola, and Afreekon Southwell of the US Virgin Islands; Shadrach Burton of Dominica; Diogenes Ballester, and Rachel Smith Sepulveda of Puerto Rico; Moses Ros from the Dominican Republic; Patricia Brintle and Charles Jean-Pierre of Haiti; Bernard S. Hoyes, Melroy Art, and Heda Rose from Jamaica; Jemma St. Lawrence representing Trinidad & Tobago; Trevor Todd from Bermuda; Cher Antoinette Corbin, Chris Cumberbatch, Ras Ilix Heartman, Kerry Horton-Wiltshire, Steve Reid, Ann Rudder, Malique Shorey and Zoanne Evans of Barbados. In addition, Tau Battice

from St. Kitts/Nevis and Maxanne Rock from St. Vincent & The Grenadines, will be exhibiting their creations in person.

Diaspora Dialogue XII will feature African American artists Khuumba Ama, Philip “Muzi” Branch, and S. Ross Browne, Lisa Dubois, Collette Fournier, and Valstyle Kirk, Cecil Lee and June Truesdale. ZENC artists Alberto Opoku and Daniel Quarico from Ghana as well as Manian from Senegal will represent the continent of Africa.

Fashion Friday will feature African American designer The Doc Bongo who will present his contemporary creations on traditional African fabric, in addition to the Caribbean Fashion Showcase and COSMODA Cosplayers. An interactive workshop with painter S. Ross Browne will feature on Saturday, March 8, from 1 – 3 pm, preceding “Meet Christopher Cumberbatch: Master of Scenic Design”, which begins at 4 pm.

“Special thanks to Export Barbados for the opportunity to exhibit at the refurbished Pelican House, with support from Barbados Division of Culture and the National Cultural Foundation,” Pilgrim noted. Other sponsors include Anime Spot, Come See TV, DHP, Occhi Art & Entertainment and Padmore Global Enterprises,

CaFA Fair was founded in 2011 and has established itself as the premier art event in the Caribbean. For more details, visit <https://www.cafafair.com/> or <https://www.caribbean.global/>.

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