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MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER AND HOST

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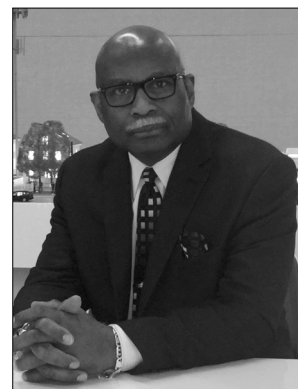
Tonight, we continue the journey we started 31 years ago of recognizing and honoring individuals/groups/organizations for their contributions to society, the value of which cannot be overstated. These talented exponents have enriched our lives and made our world a much better place for all to enjoy; a world where cultural diversity and diplomacy have become deliberate efforts of tolerance and acceptance. As Ambassadors of their culture our honorees have engaged in the exchange of ideas, and the various disciplines that often remind us of the importance of knowledge and the ability to coexist in a world that is now regarded as a global village.

On a personal note, my congratulations to the recipients of this year's SUNSHINE Award and the SUNSHINE Awards Hall of Fame inductees. My thanks and appreciation to our families, the SUNSHINE Awards team including the Nomination and Network Committee, and our corporate sponsors, National Staffing Associates, All Star Motors and Essex County Towing, Alize, Trini Breakfast Shed of Brooklyn, New York, Limins Café, Re-upholstery and Restoration, Caribbean Airlines and Small Four Enterprises.

I also ask you to remember the victims of Hurricane Dorian and offer all the assistance you can so that lives can be restored to normalcy as quickly as possible.

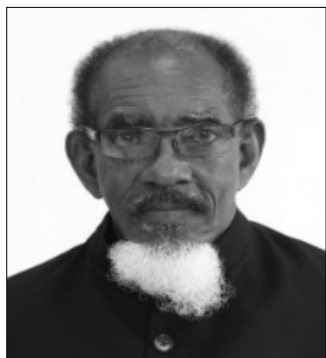
Thank you and a warm welcome to all.

Sincerely,
Gilman T. Figaro, Sr.
Chairman/Founder



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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-FOUNDER of the SUNSHINE Awards Hall of Fame and Chairman of the Nomination and Network Committee



Greetings!

On behalf of the SUNSHINE Awards Organization and on my own behalf, I welcome you to the 31st Annual SUNSHINE Awards Program. A special welcome to our honorees and co-sponsors of this very special event. As we continue the journey of recognizing great contributors to society as well as bridging cultures, we must be mindful of the challenges that our honorees encountered to make our world a better place. We must be conscious of those who are less fortunate than us, those whose lives have been impacted by natural disasters and those who face the task of survival in countries with limited opportunities to advance. The SUNSHINE Awards Organization is privileged to recognize excellence as we bring the past to the present to reflect on change and the promise of a better world. A world that places higher

demands on education, family and community. Welcome again and have a wonderful and exciting time this evening.

Sincerely,

Chalkie

Dr. Hollis "Chalkdust" Liverpool



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- Dr. Hollis LiverpoolCo-founder of SUNSHINE Awards Hall of Fame
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Congratulations to Gil Figaro and The Sunshine Awards Team and all the 2019 Honorees.



All Star Motors is a proud sponsor of the 31st Annual Sunshine Awards. Congratulations to the committee for your continued loyalty, professionalism and commitment to the success of the awards program. We congratulate the nominees and recipients of the 2019 Sunshine Awards as you all continue to be inspiration and enrich the lives of others.

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As the Chief Executive Officer of Re-upholstery and Restoration and minority business owner, I am proud to be a co-sponsor through my company of the 31st Annual SUNSHINE Awards Program. I am fully aware of what's involve in staging an annual program with the caliber of the SUNSHINE Awards. The SUNSHINE Awards Organization makes every effort to bring the past into the present while continuing its reputation of excellence. It enriches our lives by highlighting great contributors to our world. I wish the organization continued success in its efforts to make our world a better place.

Johnny Thomas
Chief Executive Officer



STEPHEN CHARLES
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
TRINI BREAKFAST SHED

One of my personal goals and a goal for my company, Trini Breakfast Shed of Brooklyn, New York is to be supportive of organizations that make a difference in peoples' lives and whose mission is to make our world a better place. The SUNSHINE Awards Organization has been doing just that for the past 31 years by building bridges between global cultures and promoting cultural diversity. Hence, I am proud to be a co-sponsor through my company of its 31st Annual SUNSHINE Awards Program.

I congratulate all the recipients of this year's SUNSHINE Awards and the SUNSHINE Awards Hall of Fame inductees. I am confident that Gil Figaro and the SUNSHINE Awards team will keep soaring with its recognition of excellence in the performing arts, education, humanity, science, sports and technology in the various regions around the world.

Stephen Charles
Chief Executive Officer



BARBARA DUNCAN

As an annual supporter of the Sunshine Awards celebrations, I have seen the caliber of the awardees and am excited that this year I was asked to co-sponsor the event. It is indeed my pleasure to be here and look forward to meeting this Year's honorees.

As you know, the Sunshine Awards recognizes our own celebrities who deserve special acknowledgement and kudos for being the best in their class. This organization has opened many avenues for past honorees and will continue to do so way into the future. I wish you God's continued blessings in all that you do.



PARRIS ERIC JORDAN

CEO LIMIN'S CAFÉ

As the new CEO of Limin's Café, I am proud to continue the support of the SUNSHINE Awards Program, my predecessor started years ago. The SUNSHINE Awards Program is much more than a program that introduces us to the great contributors of society, but it also challenges us to think about how many of the essential tools we use and enjoy came into existence. I congratulate the recipients of the 2019 SUNSHINE Awards. I also thank and congratulate Gil Figaro and the SUNSHINE Awards team for keeping us informed of people and events that make a difference in our lives.





Dr. Gladys West – (United States)



Dr. Gladys West, is an American mathematician who helped develop Global Positioning System (GPS) technology. She is known for her contributions as a mathematician studying the shape of the Earth, and her work on the development of the satellite geodesy models that were eventually incorporated into the Global Positioning System. (Wikipedia). Dr. West will receive the 2019 SUNSHINE Award for Education and Technology.

Dr. Andre Cropper – (Trinidad & Tobago)



Dr. Cropper’s US patent for the Organic Light Emitting Diode (OLED) facilitated the development of flat panel displays, which are today used in most electronic devices from ATM machines and flat-screen TVs to laptop computers. Dr. Cropper will receive the 2019 SUNSHINE Award for Education and Technology.

Jean Appolon – (Haiti)



Mr. Appolon is the Founder and Director of the Jean Appolon Expressions (JAE), a Haitian contemporary dance company. JAE combines modern dance techniques with Haitian folkloric dance, to educate its audiences about Haitian culture, traditions, history and current issues. JAE’s mission is to preserve Haitian folkloric culture and heritage through the performing arts. Mr. Appolon will receive the 2019 SUNSHINE Award for the performing arts.

Darryl Henry – (Trinidad & Tobago)



Internationally acclaimed soca artist known to the calypso and soca world as Farmer Nappy, was nominated and will receive the 2019 SUNSHINE Award for his 30 years of contribution to the performing arts as a songwriter, producer and performing artist. Farmer Nappy embarked upon his musical journey at a tender age of 7 by playing percussions in the “Young band” which became known as “Xtatik.”

The lead singer was Machel Montano. As the band evolved, Farmer Nappy wrote and co-wrote some of the biggest hits in Xtatik's catalog. Some of those hits include, **“Big Truck,” “Music Farm,” “UFO,”** and **“Big Phat Fish,”** to name a few. This year, Farmer Nappy continued to secure his place at the top of the soca world with his mega hit, **“Hookin Meh.”**



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On September 24th, 2019, Professor Hollis "Chalkdust" Liverpool was bestowed The Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (ORTT), this country's highest award at the 2019 National Awards Ceremony.

Professor Liverpool's achievement is undoubtedly another milestone in his career and demonstrates his creativity, determination and distinguished service to Trinidad and Tobago over the years.

**THE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, PRESIDENT,
STAFF AND STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
EXTEND HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO PROFESSOR HOLLIS
"CHALKDUST" LIVERPOOL.**

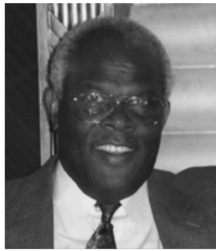
**THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY LOOKS FORWARD TO HIS FURTHER
CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATION, AND IN PARTICULAR, TO UTT.**



Timothee van-Heyningen – (Saint Martin/Sint Maarten) Internationally acclaimed performing artist, better known as King Tmo, was nominated for his 30 years of contribution to the performing arts as a songwriter, producer and performing artist. King Tmo also won the Saint Martin/Sint Maarten National Soca Monarch nine (9) times. He will receive the 2019 SUNSHINE Award for the

Performing Arts.

Dr Erold Hinds – (Barbados)



Dr Hinds is a founding member of the SUNSHINE Awards Program and is committed to recognizing excellence in the performing arts globally. As a founding member, his contribution the SUNSHINE Awards Program was above and beyond what was expected to ensure a successful launch. He places great emphasis on education and believes the performing arts contributes significantly to human development. Tonight, Dr Hinds, will receive the 2019

SUNSHINE Awards “Friend of the arts Award”

Robert Amar – (Trinidad & Tobago)



Mr. Amar is a business entrepreneur and executive with a life-long passion for bridging the gap between business, humanity and the performing arts. In 1986, Mr. Amar founded the Caribbean Sound Basin where he recorded many young budding performing artists. In 1994, he founded the Kisskadee Caravan Calypso Tent to bridge the gap between the veterans and the young performing artists. In 2013, he launched his first carnival band “Charm” to promote an enhanced experience for the

carnival masquerader. He founded “More FM104.7” in 2005 with the programming focus of playing the best music of the seventies, eighties, and nineties. Mr. Amar will receive the 2019 SUNSHINE Award “Friend of the Arts Award.”

Johnny Thomas – (Trinidad & Tobago)



Johnny Thomas, a successful business entrepreneur and CEO of Re-upholstery and Restoration of Madison, New Jersey continues to make a substantial contribution to the performing arts as a promoter, producer, and distributor. In 2003, he took over the leadership of the popular Coffee Boys and Girls Foundation of Brooklyn, New York, an organization founded to bridge the gap between cultures through the performing arts. He is a founding member of the Calypso for Africa

project launched at the United Nations in 1983 to help the people affected by the drought in Ethiopia, Africa. His passion for the arts has helped to start careers and make a difference in peoples’ lives. Mr. Thomas will receive the 2019 SUNSHINE Award “Friend of the Arts Award.”



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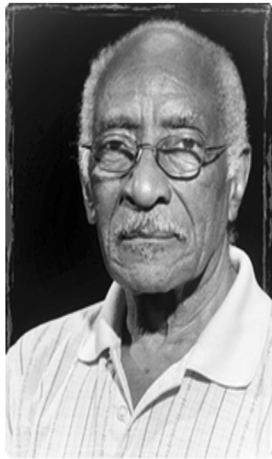
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Albert Laveau - (Trinidad & Tobago)



Mr. Laveau's passion for drama dates back to 1952 when he joined a drama group at 17 years old. In his mid-twenties he moved to Port of Spain where he was introduced to the poet and playwright, Derek Walcott and became a founding member of the Trinidad Theatre Workshop. He developed his talent as an actor in many of Walcott's plays such as "Dream on Monkey Mountain" and "Sea at Dauphin," and directed Walcott's "Dream for the Center Stage" in Baltimore in 1976. Mr. Laveau is internationally known for his skills and talent as an actor and director. He is currently devoting his time and passion with the Trinidad Theatre to train and develop young performers. Mr. Laveau will receive the 2019 SUNSHINE Award Hall of Fame for his life-long contribution to drama.

STEDSON WILTSHIRE – (Barbados)



Internationally acclaimed performing artist better known in the calypso and soca world as Red Plastic Bag, has been performing for over 40 years. He is the recipient of many awards and won the Barbados National Calypso Monarch ten (10) times. Red Plastic Bag will be inducted into the SUNSHINE Awards Hall of Fame.



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