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## **The Guyana 50<sup>th</sup> Republic Anniversary Celebrations Committee**

*Presents*

**“The Virtual Guyanese Republic Jubilee  
Awards Ceremony & Cultural Presentation”**

*Under the theme*

**“An Evening of Appreciation, Recognition & Unity”**

*Under the auspices of*

**The Consulate General of Guyana  
Totonto, Canada**

# PROGRAM

Hosts:	<i>Joe Jaglall &amp; Gillian Williams</i>
National Anthem of Canada & Guyana	<i>Ms. Faith Amour</i>
Welcome Remarks	<i>Joe Jaglall &amp; Gillian Williams</i>
<b>Remarks</b>	
Member of Ontario Provincial Parliament	<i>Hon. Sara Singh, MPP</i>
Federal Member of Parliament	<i>Hon. Sonia Sidhu, MP</i>
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guyana	<i>Hon. Hugh Todd</i>
<b>Featured Address</b>	
President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana	<i>H.E Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali</i>

## ***Cultural Presentation***

## UNIQUE ARTS ENTERTAINMENT GUYANA

◆ Overview - Chair of the Awards Committee	<i>Mr. John O'Dell</i>
◆ Awards Presenter	<i>Mr. John O'Dell</i>
◆ <i>Award Presentation</i>	
Giving Health to Kids	<i>Dr. Narendra Singh</i>
◆ <i>Award Presentation</i>	
Canada - Guyana Outreach Mission	<i>Ms. Yvonne Triesman</i>
◆ <i>Award Presentation</i>	
Young Professional Community Catalyst	<i>Mr. Tosh Jeffrey</i>

## ***Cultural Presentation***

## MR. JAN MORGAN

◆ Awards Presenter	<i>Ms. Gail Lee</i>
◆ <i>Award Presentation</i>	
◆ Business Excellence & Leadership Award	<i>Mr. Komal Samaroo</i>
◆ <i>Award Presentation</i>	
◆ Business Excellence & Leadership Award	<i>Mr. Anthony Treva Subryan</i>
◆ <i>Award Presentation</i>	
◆ Posthumous Award in Arts & Entertainment	<i>Ms. Pamela Maynard</i>

*\*Ms. Sonja Maynard Knights accepting on behalf of Pamela Maynard*

# PROGRAM

## ***Cultural Presentation***

**MS. MODI ZHU**

- ◆ Awards Presenter *Mr. John O'Dell*
- ◆ Award Presentation
- ◆ Leadership in Volunteerism & Community Service *Mr. Joe Jaglall*
- ◆ Award Presentation
- ◆ Leadership in Volunteerism & Community Service *Mr. Linden King*
- ◆ Award Presentation
- ◆ Leadership in Volunteerism & Community Service *Mr. Shaykh Imran Ally*

## ***Cultural Presentation***

**MS. MALA HARRIPERSAD**

- ◆ Awards Presenter *Ms. Gail Lee*
- ◆ Award Presentation
- ◆ Arts & Entertainment Distinction Award *Mr. Jan Morgan*
- ◆ Award Presentation
- ◆ Arts & Entertainment Distinction Award *Ms. Sandra Brewster*
- ◆ Award Presentation
- ◆ Arts & Entertainment Distinction Award *Ms. Andrea Douglas*

## ***Cultural Presentation***

**NATIONAL DANCE COMPANY, GUYANA**

- ◆ Closing Remarks  
Consul General of Guyana to Toronto, Canada *Ms. Anyin Choo*

## ***Cultural Presentation***

**STEELPAN / DEVIN RAMOUTAR**

- ◆ Vote to Thanks  
*Ms. Delesia Tobin*  
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**H.E. DR. MOHAMED IRFAAN ALI**

**PRESIDENT**

**OF THE COOPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES**



**Message from**

**His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali  
President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana  
to the Virtual Guyanese Republic Jubilee Awards Ceremony and Cultural Presentation  
organized by the Consulate General of Guyana to Canada, 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

I extend warmest greetings to the members of the diaspora, particularly those who reside in Canada who are joining us today for the Virtual Guyanese Republic Jubilee Awards Ceremony and Cultural Presentation.

Though belated, the hosting of this event evinces the interest and excitement generated by this auspicious milestone – the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Republic. No matter where Guyanese are to be found, our national days and important anniversaries arouse patriotic zeal.

Fifty years ago, our motherland was declared a Republic. The final constitutional vestiges of colonial rule were severed. A President was elected by the National Assembly and Guyana assumed full responsibility for its sovereignty.

Fifty years on wards, we have much of which we can be proud. We have fashioned a multicultural society in which our various ethnic groups, generally, enjoy respectful relations. Our sons and daughters have distinguished themselves internationally, acquiring recognition for our small State and evoking feelings of pride. Over the past three decades we have entrenched a system of parliamentary democracy, characterized by free and fair elections and an elected legislature. Our Republic is now an oil-producing State; national development is expected to leapfrog and Guyana is poised to become one of the leading economies in the Caribbean.

Guyana has changed over the past 50 years. This change may not have always been at the pace at which we would have desired. Mistakes were made, but we must learn from those mistakes and now focus our efforts on seizing the opportunities which lie ahead.

There is much work to be done. Our Republic must be safeguarded; our economy transformed and our people protected and provided with higher living standards.

Change will be intensified over the next 10 years. In order to drive this development we will need more skilled human resources. We shall seek to tap into the reservoir of skilled Guyanese within the diaspora. We need all Guyanese, at home and abroad to be involved in our country's future development.

I invite all to be part of this historic process of transforming the Republic into a modern, resilient and flourishing State where democracy is respected, our borders sacrosanct; our territorial integrity non-negotiable and; all feel included and recognized.

I join you in celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana. I ask you to join with me in heralding a new era of peace, prosperity and progress.

Mohamed Irfaan Ali  
President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana



**HON. HUGH TODD**

**MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

**Message by the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation  
Mr. Hugh Hilton Todd, for the Guyanese Republic Jubilee Awards  
Ceremony & Cultural Presentation**

Establishing a durable relationship with its Diaspora is one of the most important tasks that our Government could undertake and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation has the critical role of serving as the primary conduit between the Diaspora, and the Government and people of Guyana.

Over the last decade, the entire world has come to recognize the extremely valuable role that Diaspora communities can play in their home country's development. The available skills, expertise, and resources that the Diaspora possesses, are of extreme importance and can only be suitably utilised through a structured approach to our interactions with Guyanese nationals around the world- through Enhanced Diaspora Engagement.

His Excellency, President Dr. Irfaan Ali and his government are committed to strengthening the relationship with our nationals living abroad to facilitate their participation in Guyana's development across sectors. Interested investors will be fully supported in developing and implementing their business ideas in Guyana. President Ali's Administration will ensure that every effort is made to address all hurdles to doing business in Guyana. As outlined in our Campaign Manifesto, the Government will reverse any adverse changes to the re-migrant scheme and will implement policies that ensure Guyanese are able to return home.

Guyana has been fortunate to experience the goodwill of our Diaspora Communities. Our Ministry has had the pleasure of working to assist philanthropic missions and there are countless others whose philanthropy, has provided life –saving support to their fellow Guyanese. I especially commend those being honoured with the Guyanese Republic Jubilee Award and commit the Government's support to credible efforts that would result in mutually beneficial collaboration.

In keeping with our commitments to Enhanced Engagement, the Government is focused on moving Guyana's Enhanced Diaspora Engagement from a Manifesto promise to a policy decision. Our goal is to implement an all-encompassing Diaspora Engagement Strategy and Action Plan that addresses the concerns of the Diaspora. This policy once implemented will guide Government's action for many years to come. As Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, I look forward to interacting with the Diaspora for the development of this country of ours, Guyana, which we all deeply love.



## **MESSAGE BY MS. ANYIN CHOO, CONSUL GENERAL OF GUYANA TO TORONTO, CANADA FOR 50<sup>th</sup> REPUBLIC ANNIVERSARY**

On the auspicious occasion of Guyana's 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee Republic Anniversary, I wish to extend warm greetings to all Guyanese in the Canadian Diaspora, around the world and at home in Guyana.

At a time when Guyana is poised to become one of the largest oil producing nations in this hemisphere and is on the verge of a massive economic transformation, it is an undeniable fact that we need to be united as a nation more than ever. The importance of a united and strong Guyana cannot be understated.

Guyana is a society made up of a kaleidoscope of diverse cultures and ethnicities. As a people, we all need to work with each other across our diversities to realize and maximize the full potential of our natural resources and opportunities for all Guyanese. To this end, it is imperative that we aspire to work together not only for our immediate benefits, but more importantly for future generations to come. All Guyanese, abroad and at home, regardless of race, religion, culture and political affiliations are tasked with the responsibility of guarding and developing our beautiful land of many waters, Guyana.

It is said that choice and not chance determines our destiny. As a nation celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee Republic Anniversary let us reflect on and recognize the struggles for the independence and republican status for our nation by our founding fathers, who made the choice to fight in unity, putting aside their difference, for the future of our country, Guyana. Going forward as a nation, we the people must continue to make that choice....united we stand, divided we fall. As a nation we must recognize that our strength lies in our unity, and unity across diversity will be our greatest challenge as a nation going forward.

I wish to urge all Guyanese, in the Diaspora and at home, to let us embrace each other and work together to overcome the challenges that lie ahead. The destiny of Guyana lies in our own hands; and in doing so, let us stand and uphold our national motto: ONE PEOPLE, ONE NATION, ONE DESTINY. Guyanese we are all!

In concluding, I wish to congratulate the awardees of the 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee Awards. Thank you for your valuable services and contributions to our communities both in Canada and Guyana. You are a testimony of what is possible when people with big hearts and dedication come together to make a difference in the lives of Guyanese. May you all be an inspiration to all Guyanese to strive for excellence and to be that role model to our future generations. Congratulations on a job well done!



**Brandon Cheong**  
Chair



**Gillian Williams**  
Co - Chair

On behalf of The Steering Committee for Guyana’s 50<sup>th</sup> Republic Anniversary Celebrations in Toronto, Canada, we warmly welcome you to a “Virtual Guyanese Republic Jubilee Awards Ceremony and Cultural Presentation”. We are pleased to have a dynamic, inclusive and diverse group of committed Guyanese on the steering committee including members of diaspora organizations, who have over the years contributed to various institutions and projects in Guyana and members of our new Guyanese Canadian Young Professionals Association.

2020 has been a challenging year, where regrettably we had to cancel our Republic Celebration events scheduled earlier in the year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, however this program for our Virtual Guyanese Republic Jubilee Awards Ceremony and Cultural Presentation provides us with the opportunity to celebrate an evening of Appreciation, Recognition and Unity as Guyanese.

At this virtual event we celebrate our awardees and the tremendous contributions they have each made in the various categories, resulting in positive impact in many sectors of our community. Additionally, the cultural presentations on this program and our Interfaith Service and Flag Raising Ceremony held earlier this year is reflective of the diversity of our country and our national motto: One People, One Nation, One Destiny.

We wish you all a safe and healthy Christmas season and look forward to seeing you all in 2021.



## Outstanding Achievement Award - Non-Profit Organization

This award recognizes excellence and innovation among non-profit organizations resulting in significant social impact and whose achievements are met through the application of creative and practical approaches to benefit the community in general with an emphasis on underserved populations.



**Dr. Narendra Singh**

**Giving Health to Kids  
Outstanding Achievement Award  
Non-Profit Organization**

Giving Help To Kids' (GHTK) is a registered Guyanese Canadian Charitable Organization with a mission to decrease the neonatal and infant mortality rates in developing countries, starting with Guyana. Over the years, the organization has been able to effectively sustain change by focusing on comprehensive education of healthcare professionals and assist their efforts to save lives with specialized equipment and ongoing training. GHTK is an organization that is comprised of dedicated and compassionate individuals who form the Board of Directors and their motto is "Every child deserves a life". Since the inception of GHTK, infant mortality rate in Guyana has been reduced by 40%.

The initial work of GHTK was focused at the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation (GPHC) with the opening of a new neonatal intensive care unit (ICU) but has further expanded to five other hospitals in Guyana. It is important to note that more than ninety-five (95) percent of funds raised are used for educational programs and equipment purchases for GHTK's work.

As a result of their resounding success in Guyana, the Board decided to expand their outreach to other Caribbean countries. In view of this expansion, the official name of Guyana Help the Kids was changed to Giving Health to Kids.







**Mrs. Yvonne Triesman**

**Canada Guyana Outreach Mission (CanGo)  
Outstanding Achievement Award  
Non-Profit Organization**

The Canada Guyana Outreach Mission (CanGo) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting health care in Guyana through confidential, compassionate and supportive medical services to the general public with emphasis on the remote parts of Guyana. CanGo have been visiting Guyana annually since 2014 with particular focus on the remote regions where access to healthcare is a challenge.

The CanGo team is made up of dedicated health care professionals from Canada, the United States of America and Guyana. They have formed partnerships with various organizations which have mutual interests such as the Toronto Kaieteur Lion's Club, the Guyana Medical Council based in California USA, The Ministry of Public Health in Guyana, the Education Relief Organization (H.E.R.O) based in New York, USA, Health Partners International of Canada, Project DAWN in Guyana and the Georgetown Public Hospital.

The team has a long-standing relationship with the Ptolemy Reid Centre where they provide training to staff, with a focus on persons with disabilities and mental health; and collaborating with the Berbice Psychiatric Hospital.

The team's work also extends to the provision of cleft lip and/or palate corrective surgeries for persons from remote communities, where access to corrective surgeries is severely challenged due to remoteness and limitation of resources.





**Tosh Jeffrey**  
**Young Professional Community Catalyst**

Tosh Jeffrey is an Artist born in Guyana, who migrated to the USA, then to Canada, where he obtained a BA in Visual Art and a BA in Art History from the University of Western Ontario. He went onto Teacher’s College in Australia where he attained a Graduate Diploma in Education.

Jeffrey believes that his life story shaped his perspective and informs his art. An artist who advocates that Guyana is part of him and through his art; people can experience a part of his Guyanese heritage. Jeffrey’s art work has been displayed at a number of art shows and galleries including the Art Square Gallery, Junction Summer Solstice Festival, The Art Tour, Gallery 1313, Dundas West Artist Market, among others.

Jeffrey is a YWCA contributor and Community Artist for the Child and Youth Advocacy Centre in Toronto, Part of the Arts Outreach Society, among others. He was also Landscape Artist of the year finalist and was featured on CBC TV show called “Our Toronto” and on Toronto.com. He is also a Ghana School of Dreams contributor.



**Mr. Komal Samaroo**  
**Business Excellence & Leadership**  
**Demerara Distillers Limited (DDL)**

DDL, commonly known for its El Dorado brand, has a rich history. Originally created on the banks of the Demerara river, their smooth and uniquely complex El Dorado aged rums, represent over 300 years of Caribbean crafting. The brand has grown tremendously and has gained notoriety around the world and has become the national pride of Guyanese.

DDL’s commitment to the Guyanese community in Canada is very visible and commendable. Over the years, the El Dorado brand has supported many Guyanese community events including major events hosted by the Caribbean Northern Charities, Giving Health to Kids , Guyana Ex-Soldiers Association of Canada, Last Lap Lime, Guyana Independence Festival, the Alliance of Guyanese Canadian Organizations and The Guyana Ex-Police Association of Canada, among others The El Dorado brand received the Gold Award at the International Rum Festival in Canada in 2003 as well as the award for Best Rum Worldwide at the International Wine and Spirits Competition in the UK for a number of consecutive years. They were also mentioned for the highest scoring rum ever to be tasted by the Beverage Tasting Institute in Chicago.

Additionally, DDL is recognised for its contributions to society under its Corporate Social Responsibilities towards charitable causes and its work in collaboration with the Doobay Medical and Research Centre.



**Anthony Treva Subryan**

**Business Excellence & Leadership  
ATS Engineering Inc.**

In 1979, Anthony Subryan became involved in the rigid plastic food packaging industry and his travels took him constantly across the North American continent where he earned the reputation as an innovator. In 1994, he started out on his own specializing in the dairy industry, manufacturing machines to package products such as cottage cheese, sour cream, yogurt, ice cream, ricotta, margarine, juices, sauces, dips and an endless list of plastic containers used in food packaging.

Today the company has grown and expanded and ships its products all across Canada, USA, Caribbean and many other parts of the world. The packaging machine used by Banks DIH in Guyana for its ice cream was manufactured by ATS Engineering Inc. ATS's machines exceed USDA, FDA and 3A Dairy Standards.

ATS has been in business for over 25 years and Anthony Subryan is recognized in the Industry as a "Master Builder", who has mastered the art of redesigning and modifying dairy equipment, mostly filling machines for processors that needed to achieve higher speeds and efficiencies. ATS Engineering Inc. is recognized as one of the undisputed leaders in the dairy industry in Canada for its innovative work.



## **Pamela Maynard**

### **Posthumous Arts & Entertainment**



Pamela Maynard was born in Guyana, attended Fountain AME and was the daughter of Guyanese born singer/songwriter Mavis Maynard; who wrote Pamela's debut hit Lost, Lonely and Helpless. She is described as a versatile artiste performing such genres of music like Gospel, Reggae, Soul, R&B, Jazz, Calypso and Soca.

Maynard made history in the film industry by receiving awards in four (4) genres of music including Best Reggae, Country and Western, Soul and R&B from SurfNoir Inc in the USA. In the UK she received the prestigious JetStar Award, the Music Volks Award in Germany and the Reggae Award, best Calypso and best Gospel Awards in Canada, among others.

The list of artists she has shared the stage with included legends such as Ben E. King, the Platters, the Drifters and Ray Charles; top Jamaican artistes such as Jimmy Cliff, Hopeton Lewis, John Holt, Byron Lee & The Dragonaires and Boris Gardner; and other artistes such as Sid and the Slickers, Yoruba Singers, Aubrey Mann, Smallman Band as well as calypsonian giants Lord Kitchener, the Mighty Sparrow, Shadow, Baron, Troubadours among others.

Pamela Maynard passed away in 2012 and her daughter, Mrs. Sonja Maynard-Knights will accept the award in memory of her mother.



## Leadership in Volunteerism & Community Service

This award is presented to persons who have made significant contributions to their community through their time, actions, talents and dedication (outside any volunteer work done for their employer). Awardees have shown consistent and sustained commitment and professionalism to community projects and have consistently applied leadership skills over an extended period of time.



**Joe Jaglall**

**Volunteerism & Community Service**

Joe Jaglall is a committed devotee to volunteerism and charity around the world. He is a role model to many. He is well respected amongst his peers and dedicates his time to persons in need. He respects and creates good humor and as a leader, he demonstrates the importance of humanitarianism and selfless service.

Over the many years, Jaglall has partnered with many organizations to raise funds for the needy and vulnerable members of the community. Some of the organizations and causes that have benefited tremendously from his voluntary services are the Vedic Cultural Centre in Markham; the Peel Arya Samaaj Mandir and Cultural Centre; the Shiva Mandir in Scarborough, the Seva4life Canada Inc.; the Humanitarian Mission of Port Mourant, Guyana; the Vedanta Academy in Bush Lot, Berbice, Guyana; Green Dupatta; the Children's Orphanage in CI, Guyana; Shiva Mandir in Scarborough; Youths training camps, both in Guyana and Toronto; the Shiv Sewa Sangh Mandir in Scarborough; the Panwar Dance Academy of GTA; the Sangeet Vidyalaya Vedic Cultural and Educational Centre Inc.; the Maha Rudradev Mandir and Cultural Centre in Scarborough, The Guyana Festival, Toronto and many more.



**Linden King**

**Volunteerism & Community Service**

Linden King is described as leadership personified. Over the last 48 years, he has made extraordinary contributions to the betterment of the community, distinguishing himself through a multitude of leadership roles. He is the President for Safe City Mississauga, Chair for the United Way Greater Toronto Black Community Advisory Council, Co-Chair for The Peel Region Police Black Community Advisory Group, Community and Stakeholder Liaison for The Toronto Caribbean Carnival, the past chair for The Liberty Silver Foundation and the past Vice Chair for The Congress of Black Women Mississauga Chapter Non-Profit Housing Inc.

King is also the recipient of a number of prestigious awards such as the 2015 Mississauga Citizen of the year; Gordon Shipp Memorial Award, 2015 Top 100 Black Canadian Role Models, TORONTO 2015 Pan Am Games - Torchbearer, 2016 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards, The Ontario Trillium Foundation, Halton-Peel Grant Review Team, 2016 Community Service Award - Trinidad and Tobago Association, 2019 Community Service Award – Save Max Real Estate Inc, 2019 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards – Mississauga Arts Council.



**Imran Ally**  
**Volunteerism & Community Service**

Imran Ally is the official Imam and resident scholar (Shaykh) of the TARIC Islamic Centre where he continues in service dutifully since 2000. His charismatic delivery along with his ability to establish meaningful and honest connections when speaking to crowds, make him a sought after Imam to preside over many milestone occasions and community events. His role encompasses being a religious guide, educator, counsellor, arbitrator, mediator, marriage officer, events coordinator and much more.

Imran Ally continues to give back to Guyana through volunteering with the Canadian Support Group of the Central Islamic Organization of Guyana (CIOG). His professional appointments include: Peel Regional Police (third largest Police Service in Canada) - Chaplain, Humber River Hospital (first digital hospital in North America) – Chaplain, Kipling Acres (one of the City of Toronto's ten long term care homes) Chaplain, Ontario Ministry Services - Registered Clergy (Marriage Officer), Bereavement Authority of Ontario – Faith Advisory Committee Member, DEEN Support Services – Board Member, Canadian Multifaith Federation - Board Member, Canadian Police Chaplains Association – Member, Canadian Council of Imams, Association of Muslim Chaplains (USA) – International Observer Member, Chaplain for University of Toronto (Mississauga Campus).



## Arts & Entertainment Distinction

This award is presented to artists, musicians and cultural leaders in recognition of artistic excellence, cultural leadership and contribution to the arts.

**Jan Morgan**  
**Arts & Entertainment**



Jan Morgan is described as a *trumpeter extraordinaire* and in some quarters, he is fondly referred to as *a musical genius* and *a musician's musician*. *This talented trumpeter has over the years been playing at numerous charitable events in the Guyanese community, which allows him to expand and showcase his melodic musical virtuosity on the trumpet.*

Mr. Morgan has performed with several musical groups including the Jazz Crusaders, The Yoruba Singers and Sound Dimension, Triple Play, Surefire Band, New Generation, Traction, and Ossie Girley, among others. He also recorded with several internationally-renowned artistes including Calypso Rose and Anslem Douglas from Trinidad & Tobago, Red Plastic Bag, Rupee and Mighty Gryner from Barbados, Vincentians Ronnie McIntosh, Winston So So, and Nigel Lewis, reigning Grenadian Soca Monarch, King Ajamu, and several other artistes. He also recorded and performed with Kobotown who captured the *2018 Juno Award for Best World Music Album*.

According to Mr. Morgan, he enjoys listening and playing all genres of music but by playing music from Guyana and the Caribbean he keeps our music alive, moreso *"because we need musical growth, we need musical quality and we need more fusion of our music into the North American and European scene"*.





**Sandra Brewster**

**Arts & Entertainment**

Sandra Brewster is a visual artist based in Toronto. She has been recognized for her community-based practice that centres a Black presence located in Canada. Her work has been featured in solo exhibitions including the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Art Gallery of Guelph, Or Gallery in Vancouver, YYY Artists' Outlet in Toronto, A Space Gallery in Toronto; and in group exhibitions including Mamuzic Gallery, Novi Sad, Serbia, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Arsenal Habana in Cuba, Dunlop Art Gallery in Regina, Saskatchewan, Lagos Photo Festival in Nigeria, Musée des beaux arts in Montreal, the Royal Ontario Museum, Art Gallery of Windsor, and Allegheny Art Galleries in Meadville, Pennsylvania.

Brewster's exhibition "Blur" received the Gattuso Prize for outstanding featured exhibition of CONTACT Photography Festival 2017. She is the 2018 recipient of the Artist Prize from Toronto Friends of the Visual Arts and is a 2018 Artist-in-Residence at the Art Gallery of Ontario. She was also recognised for her role in the production of the video "Changing seasons: From Guyana to Canada".



**Andrea Douglas**

**Arts & Entertainment**

Andrea Douglas founded the Children & Youth Dance Theatre in 1992 and the Caribbean Dance Theatre in 1995 and served as their Artistic Director and Performer. While working with these two groups, she was a freelance dancer and choreographer and performed for the Miss Guyana Canada pageant, the Miss Jamaica pageant, the Miss Caribbean/Canada pageant, the Applause Institute's Cotillion Ball and the Edge Program.

The groups' repertoire includes modern dance, classical ballet, jazz, Afro Caribbean and hip-hop dance. This included educational excursions, cultural workshops, community performances, international tours among others.

Douglas received several media article coverages around the world, several awards of recognition and appreciation for her work, including the Harry Jerome Sward for Arts, award of recognition from the Applause Institute Finishing School, The Guyana Cultural Association of New York, The African Heritage Educators Network and The Caribbean Cultural Committee (Caribana).





  
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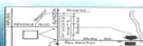


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# GUYANA'S 50<sup>th</sup> REPUBLIC ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE TORONTO, CANADA

## Mr. Brandon Cheong - Chair



*Brandon is currently a Graduate Student and Teaching Assistant in the University of Guelph's School of Languages and Literature. Prior to the pandemic he was living between Georgetown and Toronto. His current research interests include agro-processing and agricultural policy in Guyana, Caribbean diaspora engagement, regional integration & food security. Brandon is currently a member of the Guyanese Canadian Young Professionals Association Board of Directors.*

## Ms. Gillian Williams - Co Chair



*Gillian is an International Consultant specializing in Diaspora Engagement and mapping Strategy projects. She has spent over twenty years in business development, including 10 years spent on Wall Street, working with professional services companies and Fortune 500 clients throughout the Americas, Europe, Asia, Australia, and Africa. Gillian's recent projects include the IOM/UN Diaspora Engagement and Strategy projects for the Congolese Diaspora, the Ethiopian Diaspora and the Djiboutian diaspora among others and project management of the Ministère du Commerce et de l'Industrie project in Haiti.*

## Ms. Julia Daniels - Secretary



*Julia has two diplomas, in social work and recreational leadership respectively. Julia has over twenty years of experience as an insurance broker, her current profession. She is the proud mother of 3 daughters, and is happily married to Mr. Irwin Daniels. Julia is a member of the Guyana Ex-police Association of Canada, Canadian Sickle Cell Association of Ontario, the Guyana Barbice Association, Camp Jumoke (Sickle cell Camp), and the Pickering Caribbean Canadian Association.*

## Ms. Marika Kadarally - Public Relations Officer



*Marika is an entrepreneur with 25 years of experience in the event management and marketing sector, having worked in the past with notable brands such as Demerara Distillers Limited and Bath Fitters. She is the owner of Haute Pies and Creative Director at Kitchen Kravins, catering companies that seek to bring the best of Guyanese and Caribbean cuisine to the Canadian public.*

## Mr. Omar Ullah - Treasurer



*Omar is a professional with over 15 years of experience in transportation and secure logistics. This proud son of the Ancient County and York University alum is currently engaged with a number of business start-ups both at home and in the diaspora. Omar supports a variety of Guyanese Canadian organizations with his time and efforts.*

## AWARDS COMMITTEE

### Mr. John O'Dell - Committee Chair



*John is the Chair of the Guyanese Canadian Young Professionals Association where the focus is on keeping the young Guyanese Canadian Professionals in touch with Guyana by Heritage and Culture, among other things. President of the Guyana Ex-Police Association of Canada; where former members of the Guyana Police Force and their families are welcomed. Is a National Representative for the largest private sector union in Canada and specializes in negotiations, mediation and conciliations for over 20 years. John endeavours to help anyone, anytime, anywhere with an interest in youth in helping them to reach their full potential.*

### Ms. Elizabeth Housein



*Elizabeth is from the Mahaicony district in Guyana. Alumni of Carlton Hall Primary, Bygeval Secondary, Bishops High and University of Guyana. She migrated to Canada and continued to University of Toronto. Lives in Toronto and currently a senior consultant for a leading global human capital management company. She is also an active people coach and admirer for artistic work and positive energy.*

## Ms. Gale Arlene Lee



*Gale has worked closely with the Guyanese community in Toronto, having spent four years as Consul at the Consulate-General of Guyana. She served in the Guyana Foreign Service for over 14 years, including a stint at the Guyana Embassy in Belgium. She is currently Director, International Services at the Canadian Executive Service Organization (CESO), a leading Canadian international development NGO, where she leads project teams implementing country programs in 14 countries in Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, including Guyana and Suriname.*

## INTERFAITH COMMITTEE

### Norma Baichoo - Committee Chair



*A Retired School Principal and community worker, and a member of the Guyana 50th Republic Anniversary Committee. She Co-chaired the Interfaith Service with the support of Liaquat Baksh and Joe Jaglall. She was influential in helping to organize the event which included the expression of Christian, Muslim, and Hindu faiths as reflected in the Guyana diaspora.*

### Joe Jaglall - Co-Chair



*Real Estate Broker, Hindu Priest and a Humanitarian, helping within our community for the past 38 years in Toronto. Be it social, cultural and religious groups, Joe's ability to motivate and inspire others to join forces as we together make the World a Better Place, has been his strength in gathering people around him. His Passion has and will always be, Promoting and preserving the goodness of Mother Guyana and us all, her Children.*

### Laiquat Baksh



*President of the Central Islamic Organization of Guyana Support Group of Canada Inc. This Group work in collaboration with CIOG Guyana to raise and collect donations in order for them to execute their mandate in enhancing the lives of our less fortunate brother, sister and vulnerable children. Laiquat is involved in community volunteering for the past forty - five (45 ) years, both in Guyana and Canada. His passion and enthusiasm has driven him to the capacity where he can make a difference in the lives of others in which he has gained tremendous respect and satisfaction.*



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF GUYANA IN TORONTO, CANADA

The Consulate General of Guyana in Toronto, Canada provides services to the second largest Guyanese Overseas Diaspora, servicing over 200,000 first and second generation Guyanese in the General Toronto Area and across Canada. The Consulate is the overseas arm of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guyana and officially represents the Government of Guyana in the General Toronto Area and beyond.

Over the years, the Consulate has played an important role in fostering and strengthening relations between the Government of Guyana and the Guyanese Diaspora in the Greater Toronto Area as well as across Canada; with the provision of consular services, community support, business, trade and investment facilitation and dialogues and exchanges with Canadian counterparts.

2020 has been a very challenging year for Guyanese as well as many other global citizens around the world due to the Covid 19 pandemic. During this difficult period, the Consulate has implemented innovative ways with the use of technology to continue to provide services to the Guyanese community, whilst at the same time keeping the vulnerable and high-risk members of our community safe. The Consulate has been providing important essential consular services to pensioners as well as the general public, through a combination of virtual and mail-in services to avoid contact with members of the community. Safer ways to provide services to our community have been implemented to keep everyone safe, without disrupting services to persons who depend on the Consulate for important consular services.

Please be assured that the Consulate will continue to provide essential consular services to the Guyanese community during these challenging times and will continue to do its part to keep our community safe in accordance to Health and Safety Protocols implemented by the Canadian Health Authorities.

For additional information on consular services during Covid 19, please call us on 416-494-6040 or 416-494-6059 or 416-494-2679 or email us at [info@guyanaconsulate.com](mailto:info@guyanaconsulate.com) or inbox the Consulate on its Facebook page. You can also check the Consulate's official website at [guyanaconsulatetoronto.com](http://guyanaconsulatetoronto.com) or follow the Consulate on its Facebook page, Instagram or LinkedIn for updates on changes in our consular services.

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