

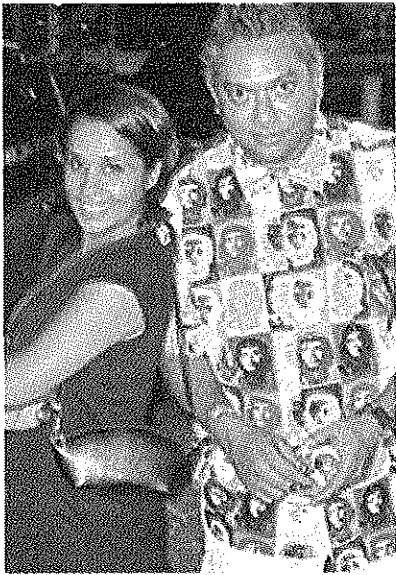
# Local films at Reel Trini today

Reel Trini, the new rendezvous for local film aficionados, presents the award-winning Trini films, *Directions*, *The Siege*, *Quiet Desperation* and *The Blood & the Bois* at its next edition this evening.

*Directions*, directed by Renee Pollonais, which makes Trinibagonians laugh at their ineptitude in explaining how to get around Port-of-Spain, was voted Best Short at the TTFF '08. The Best Documentary award that year went to *The Siege*, directed by Junior-Andrew Lett, which retraces the six-day experience of the hostages at Trinidad and Tobago Television during the 1990 attempted coup.

*Quiet Desperation*, also directed by Renee Pollonais won for Best Local Actress (Helen Jones) and Best Local Actor (Errol Roberts) at this year's TTFF. In the film, Heathcliff is an unfulfilled man nearing retirement. Merlin, his wife of 35 years, is controlling and critical, especially of him.

One Saturday morning as they prepare to drive to the market, Merlin



Camille Selvon Abrahams, left, with Yao Ramesar.

begins to lay into Heathcliff. When Heathcliff finally expresses what really is on his mind, he loses more than he is prepared to handle.

Another award-winning film at this year's TTFF (Most Popular Short Film) was *The Blood and the Bois*, directed by Sigmond Cromwell. The film is a supernatural drama about the restless spirit of a stickfighter, unable to be at peace until his death is avenged. Along the way, both the living and the dead must come to terms with wounds inflicted by the previous generation, before arriving at a place of healing and transcendence. The award-winning films were all produced by students of UWI's BA in Film programme.

The previous edition of Reel Trini showcased "Trini Animation from the early 21st century" and launched its regular fortnightly screenings.

Award-winning films at Trevor's Edge

## POWERFUL WOMEN



Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar, second left, strikes a pose with secretary general, Economic Integration in Central America, Yolanda Mayora de Gavidia, left, president of the T&T Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Angella Persad, second right, and its CEO Catherine Kumar at a cocktail reception hosted at the Diplomatic Centre on October 19. PHOTO: ANDRE ALEXANDER

Featured animation works were selected by Camille Selvon Abrahams. Selvon Abrahams, founder of Anima Caribe, the Caribbean's first animation and new media festival, and Roger McCollin, who continues to anchor the teaching of animation at UWI's Centre for the Creative & Festival Arts, where he once combined forces with Selvon Abrahams and Yao Ramesar.

During that period, over one hundred animated works were created by students in the pro-

gramme, screening locally and internationally.

The showcased works were all indigenous productions, drawn from the fertile first decade of a new century that has seen a mini revolution of the art form in T&T, with talents like Matthew Hudson and Ansar Sattar coming to the fore.

Several of the animators were present and the Q&A session was spirited. Among those in the house were Atakan, Muhammad Muwakil, Dean Arlen, Edmund

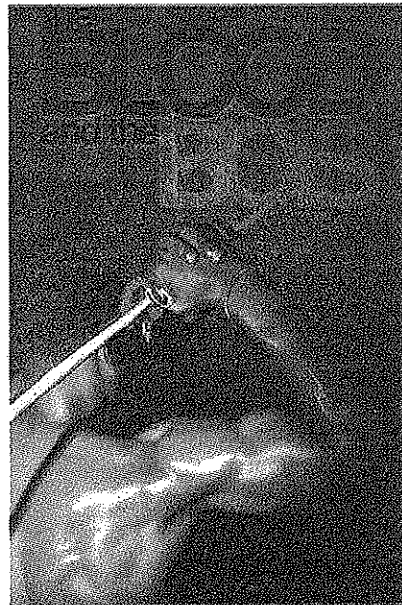
Attong, Roger Alexis, Nicholas Attin, Dr Jean Antoine and Sigmond Cromwell.

This evening's edition of Reel Trini takes place at Trevor's Edge in St Augustine at 5 pm.

Admission is free.

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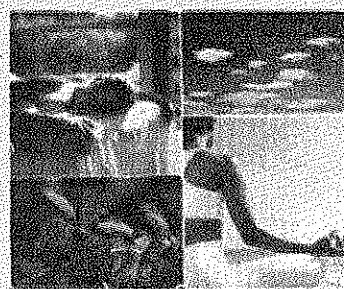
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