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Guyana Cultural Association of NY, Inc.



10th Anniversary

GCA Awards 2011

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Awards and Ceremony

Background

Contemporary Guyana was built by people who defined a common culture from a wide range of forbearers and circumstances. The indigenous people, today called Amerindians, were enslaved by European colonists starting in the 1600s. The Dutch, French and English, in succession, established plantations in a colonial period that lasted hundreds of years. The savagery of slavery was extended to Africans who made transatlantic journeys mainly from the coast of West Africa.

200 years later the colonial plantation masters replaced the African slaves with indentured laborers. The first group was brought from Portugal. Over a period of nearly eight decades the indentureship continued with the arrival of Chinese and mostly Indians from the Asian continent. Barbadians and other West Indians were also among the indentured labor class transported to the Guyana coastland. They have all forged the Guyanese culture.

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The Awards Ceremony - An Annual Event

Guyanese nationals receive the Lifetime Achievement Award; individuals are acknowledged with the Exemplary Award; and organizations and commercial entities are accorded the Guyana Cultural Association Award. Youth awardees are either born in Guyana, or have at least one parent who is Guyanese, or of Guyanese descent.

Since 2001 the Guyana Cultural Association of New York has been the leader in recognizing those who have inspired us. This year's awards ceremony on August 31, 2011, is in Brooklyn, New York. We will acclaim creators and enablers of various features of our culture where all of us are one people - ***Aal bady, waan bady***.

Award Categories

Our awards celebrate outstanding contributors in the following categories:

- ***Guyana Cultural Association Award***
- ***Guyana Cultural Association Award - Youth***
- ***Guyana Cultural Association Exemplary Award***
- ***Guyana Cultural Association Lifetime Achievement Award***

What We Do - Nominations Are Open April 14th to May 14th 2011

Request nominations from anyone or entity and assess the submissions that are complete and on time.

Nomination can be submitted for a person or an entity whose work fits within the theme – ***Aal bady, Waan Bady***

Youth nominations must detail the academic and extracurricular accomplishments that position the nominee above the average in his or her area of scholastic and cultural activities.

Selection Criteria

A selection committee evaluates each nomination considering seven criteria: ***originality, scope, impact / influence, integration, pioneering spirit, challenges and achievements***.

Please refer [here](#) for more details on the selection criteria.

We choose honorees based on:

- How much their work has improved their community; or enhanced Guyanese society in general.
- The impact their contributions have had on creative presentations

associated with Guyanese.

- Confirmation that their effort meets a distinction considered an exemplary model that can inspire others.
- How their creativity embodies positive cultural attributes that Guyanese admire, or honor, or preserve.
- The contribution by the Awardee that represents characteristics at a high level of skill. The range of activity can cover a wide array of positive deeds.

Previous Awardees

Awards are not limited to any one region in the world, nor do they solely come from the arts. Over the course of the past nine years, The Guyana Cultural Association Awards honorees have hailed from Guyana; and the Caribbean; United States; Canada; and Europe.

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Category: (please select one): <i>(required)</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Individual Adult initiating and advancing community effort <input type="radio"/> Individual Youth - aged up to 25 years in July 2011. <input type="radio"/> Group / Organization fostering community work <input type="radio"/> Business Entity - enabler of cultural development and presentation
Nominee's Name <i>(required)</i>	<input type="text"/>
Nominee's Email Address <i>(required)</i>	<input type="text"/>
Nominee's Address (including City, State, Zip) <i>(required)</i>	<input type="text"/>
Nominee's Daytime Phone <i>(required)</i>	<input type="text"/>
Describe the Nominee's work and	

achievements in a summary of 100 to 500 words. <i>(required)</i>	<input type="text"/>
Nominator's Name (Your Name) <i>(required)</i>	<input type="text"/>
Nominator's Address (including City, State, Zip) <i>(required)</i>	<input type="text"/>
Your Email Address <i>(required)</i>	<input type="text"/>
Daytime Phone <i>(required)</i>	<input type="text"/>
If you are an Organization or Group nomination, what is the name of the entity?	<input type="text"/>
What is the principal function of your entity?	<input type="text"/>
Picture e-mailed in JPG format to awardsnominations@guyfolkfest.org ?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>This test prevents automated submissions <small>SPAM BLOCK FORMER</small></p> <div style="text-align: center; border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> BULLDOG </div> <p>Enter the text that appears in above image:</p> <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> </div>	
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