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Guyanese Film Screening & Benefit Event in NYC

Hosted by Peace Corps and El Dorado

New York, NY – April 6th 2013 – Join us for an elegant evening of Fine Art, Music, Film & Cocktails from NYC to Guyana...Saturday, April 6th 2013 - 6pm – 9pm -- **Friends & Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Guyana (FROG)** a non-profit organization of former Peace Corps volunteers will host a special screening of the award-winning *64th Festival de Cannes Official Selection*, Guyanese short film *The Seawall* and launch *The Mason Richards Film Fellowship* for students at The University of Guyana.

This Benefit event will also feature select works of fine art by prominent artists of Guyanese descent including renowned Yale University MFA **Marlon Forrester** and others.

Guests will enjoy delicious Guyanese fare, wine, and scrumptious specialty cocktails courtesy of **Guyana's El Dorado Rum**...and will be serenaded by live 'creole jazz in Shanto Tradition' with Special Guest Guyanese Master Drummer **Baba Mpho** in downtown Manhattan's 154 Stanton Galley private lounge and Roof top deck.

ALL donations and a portion of the proceeds of art sold will be donated to the production of the feature-length version of "The Seawall" film and to the '*Mason Richards Film Fellowship*' for students at University of Guyana to study and participate in the production of the feature film made in the South American country.

Guyana has millions of acres of rainforest, thousands of kilometers of rivers and a diverse ethnic make-up of African, Indian, Amerindian and Portuguese cultures. The country itself has a modest population of 750,000 but additional hundreds of thousands live outside of Guyana - in the United States, Canada, Europe and Caribbean.

About the Film

The Award-Winning *Seawall*, short film, shot entirely on location in Guyana, had its world premier at the **64th Festival de Cannes** in France, one of the world's oldest and most prestigious, showcases celebrating the best and brightest new works in film. The short has also played at *The Caribbean Film Corner* in London, the Bahamas, and festivals in the US including the *Kansas City Urban Film Festival* and the Goethe-Institut, Washington DC.

"The feedback has been tremendous and the feature aims to be even better" says former President of FROG and the film's Producer, Scott Stadum. FROG, the film's official fiscal sponsor, has helped to raise over \$20,000 for the production and "our goal is to the increase amount of support for the film and to reach a wider audience. We also want to support Mason in telling this beautiful, heartfelt story set in Guyana."

"The topic of the feature is emigration and to highlight issues changing and challenging Guyanese culture within its borders and across the globe" says Mason, the film's Guyanese-born filmmaker, Winner of the *2012 Sony Pictures Diversity Fellowship*, "this night of celebrating cinema, art, and Guyana is all for a great cause."

RSVP at **GuyanaFilmBenefit.eventbrite.com**. Donations also accepted at Friends & Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (FROG)'s website: **www.guyfrog.org**

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