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Five outstanding Trinbago women astound Canada



MEET THE HONOUREES

Five outstanding T&T-born women were recently honoured in book form, in Canada. The five—Joan Pierre, Noreen Callender, Gloria Small, Wendy Jones, Nicole Waldron—have been featured in 100 Accomplished Black Canadian Women, a bi-annual compendium of accomplished Black Canadian women across Canada. Each woman was honoured for 25-plus years of outstanding contribution to Canadian society in their respective fields.

The founders of the concept, former Canadian parliamentarian Dr Jean Augustine, Ryerson University Equity and Community Inclusion VP Dr Denise O'Neil Green and Simmonds Corporate Diversity executive Duana Jones, honoured the women at a gala event where they were introduced and celebrated.

The goal of this informative and educational publication is to highlight, document, acknowledge, and support the accomplishments of Black Canadian women in terms of their social, educational, political, and professional accomplishments.

This project grew out of a series of discussions among the authors over a six-month period where it was concluded that this type of publication would inspire black girls and women by showcasing examples of the many contributions Black women have and continue to make in the Canadian society.

Above all, it would make it possible for black Canadian women to realise an opportunity that had not previously existed. In addition, it would help build a database for future publications that would acknowledge black Canadian women from all walks of life, and specifically, not limited to government, but would include not-for-profit, financial, legal, real estate, health, education/academic, entertainment, fine arts, unsung heroes, trailblazers, firsts, and posthumous heroes.

Accomplished women were identified through a nomination process. Women were nominated by other individuals or self-nominated by completing a nomination form. (Reporting by Peter Ray Blood)



JOAN PIERRE:

Joan Amy Pierre migrated to Canada in the 70's from T&T. She worked in the Telecommunication industry for a number of years, until she could define her passion, which she did, in the Arts and Cultural sectors, after earning diplomas in Production and Stage Management, and in Television Production at Ryerson University.

Pierre has over 25 years experience in event planning, project management, marketing, arts and administration, sponsorship, public relations and production management. Joan's vast experience has allowed her to work throughout Canada, the United States and the Caribbean. She has developed a keen understanding of the needs and goals of her clients, which complements her professional and personal one on one style. She has also worked in politics at the Municipal and Federal level, assisting with Barbara Hall's Mayoral campaign, and Adam Vaughn's four political campaigns.

Pierre has received the BBPA Woman of Honour award; and African Canadian Achievement Awards (ACAA) Leadership Award; to name just a couple.

Reflecting on her greatest accomplishments, Pierre said: "First, as a Caribbean woman and mother, I would say that raising a well-rounded daughter in this challenging Canadian social environment would count as one of my most satisfying accomplishments."

"I would next count the work I did in the mid-eighties and early nineties, laying the groundwork for moving Caribana to a full-time operation, as being critical to the growth and survival of the festival."

"Finally, the contribution I make by mentoring youth from our community and the society at large, who seek me out regularly as an elder and leader, for career advice. This is definitely a great accomplishment."

A mother and trendsetter in Canada, Pierre is a crucible of wisdom and has advice for the next generation. She said: "The key to a fulfilling life is finding the thing you are passionate about, and working to build a career around that passion. This can be a challenge, but is well worth the investment in time and patience."

"If Pierre had to live her life over again, she revealed: "Growing up as a woman in the Caribbean in my day, a post-secondary education was not a priority for females, and I did not make it one of mine. I would definitely pursue a more extensive post-secondary education."

WENDY JONES:

Wendy Jones is regarded as the quintessential ambassador of the steel pan. She has received numerous awards for her exceptional skills as a pannist and her work in pan is being recognised internationally. For the past 25 years, she has worked for the Toronto Catholic District School Board as a Counselor in the Elementary and Secondary Schools and also works as an Event facilitator at Tropicana Community Services.

Born in T&T, Jones migrated to Canada at an early age as her mother decided to migrate to seek a better life and education for her children. She was introduced to pan music in 1976, while she was enrolled at Westview Centennial Secondary School.

Jones' pan journey really started in 1977 with the Afro Pan Steel band. She carries the title "Queen of the Bass" and is the recipient of numerous awards.

Topping the list of her outstanding achievements, Jones listed "raising two beautiful children and giving my heart to God at a young age and never turning back." In 2015, I was recognised by T&T for promoting steel pan and steel pan festivals in Canada.

"Competing in New York Panorama, I placed second twice and ranking in the top five several times. In 2015, I participated and took Pan Fantasy to the International Conference and Panorama in Trinidad and Tobago."

Offering words of advice to the future generation, Jones said: "Whatever you desire out of life, try to pursue it until you have achieved your goals. Never wait on others to fulfill your dreams. Strive to do your best and always believe in yourself even if you fail to get up and keep going. Use each experience as a learning lesson to do better the next time."



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NOREEN CALLENDER:

Noreen Callender has been volunteering from as far back as the 1980s. One of her biggest passions is her involvement at the Church of Nativity in Malvern. She led the first youth group there, planning retreats, meetings and events all the time encouraging participants to do their best in order to become effective

leaders in the community.

She also leads and co-ordinates the Nativity Steel Angels steel band, under the direction of Mr. Ian Jones. Her biggest achievement and one that she is most proud of is raising Can\$50,000 for the church through Caribbean cruises which she organized, when she realised the church was cash strapped.

Toronto Caribbean Carnival (Caribana) is another area where Callender volunteers with members of the Board of the Festival Management Committee and is one of the organisers for the annual Children's Carnival.

In collaboration with Pierre and the T&T Consulate, Callender successfully organised a team of volunteers to form the WE TING committee which produced the annual event at Queen's Park in honor of T&T's Independence and the first Republic Day Fashion Show. She was on the board of the Toronto Children's Concert Choir (TC3), and is an active member of the T&T 50-plus group and the St Benedict's College Past Students Alumni.

Recently, Callender collaborated with a group of close friends to form Hibiscus United of T&T (HUTters)

Nicole
Waldron

whose focus is to foster the needs of youth, children and the elderly, locally and in T&T.

"I do not think there is anything I would do differently," said Callender. "I love my life as it is and I cherish the family that I have built and the young people I have mentored."

NICOLE WALDRON:

Event Planning Specialist / Media

Professional and Activist, the multi-faceted Nicole Waldron works tirelessly for the betterment of her community. She works to raise awareness on Affordable Housing issues, Violence against Women, Mental Health and Health Issues affecting the African-Canadian/Caribbean Communities such as Sickle Cell.

Waldron served as a consultant to several organisations. These include, but are not limited to, Exclusive Entertainment, Joan Pierre & Associates, Amoi Magazine, Silver trust Communications, Darren Sheppard (Pannist), YMCA Greater Toronto – Self Employment Program, Sunrise Caribbean Restaurant Franchise Corporation, Dance Caribe, GTFA Learning Centre and Let's Celebrate Liberia Organization.

Among her greatest accomplishments, aside from being a mother, Waldron listed becoming the first woman of colour to sit as the President of the Cooperative Housing Federation of Canada (CHFC), has been a humbling experience. She said: "Housing is a right and not

Gloria
Small

a privilege; I believe everyone should have the right to affordable, safe and decent housing."

GLORIA SMALL:

Gloria Small works in the area of Mental Health, a vocation she began in T&T, before she migrated to Canada. Motivated, she has become an ardent advocate for improvements to the mental health systems in Canada and Trinidad for over 38 years.

Small strongly believes that access to a quality education that is free from discrimination and bias, is a fundamental right of all children; black children are no exception. She was also recognised by the High Commissioner for the Republic of T&T for her outstanding advocacy and philanthropic work as a member of the Trinbagonian diaspora in Canada.

"Being the mother of three beautiful, strong and independent young Black women tops my list of greatest accomplishments," said this dedicated health worker. I have also had the privilege of adopting seven wonderful children. Motherhood has given me much joy and afforded me the blessing and privilege to shape young minds and positively influence the lives of ten amazing young adults.

"Growing up to be successful and positive role models to other youth in the community, give them the understanding of the importance of giving back. I am proud of each and every one of my children."

Reflecting on her life, Small said: "I have no regrets and have had a blessed life. I would however, like to see more progress and fundamental changes to the child welfare and education systems that would result in better outcomes for African Canadian children."

"Poverty should no longer be a convenient excuse to deny children and youth their basic human right to an education and the love, safety and security that comes from family."

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**THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**

Claim No. CV2018-02907

Between

CARIBBEAN FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

And

KOMAL SOOKRAM

Defendant

TO: KOMAL SOOKRAM
LOT NO.162 CARLSEN FIELD HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
CHAGUANAS

Pursuant to the Order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Frank Rampersad dated 9th October 2018, you are hereby served.

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against KOMAL SOOKRAM in the High Court of Justice as Claim number CV2018-02907 by CARIBBEAN FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED in which the Claimant claims against the above-named Defendant:

1. The sum of \$51,630.95 due and owing under a Hire Purchase Agreement dated 5th May 2016;
2. Interest on the principal sum of \$35,438.99 at the rate of 2% per month or \$22.87 per day from 10th August, 2018 until or sooner payment
3. Costs; and
4. Further and/or other relief as the Court deems fit.

AND TAKE NOTICE that by the order dated 9th October 2018, the Honourable Mr. Justice Frank Rampersad ordered that service on you of the Fixed Date Claim Form and Affidavit in support of Sharlene Headley issued in this action be effected by this advertisement once per week for two (2) consecutive weeks.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that KOMAL SOOKRAM must within fourteen (14) days from the last date of publication of this advertisement acknowledge service of the said Fixed Date Claim Form and Affidavit in support by completing and filing the prescribed form of the Appearance, (Form 3) which may be obtained at the Court Office at the Hall of Justice, Knox Street, Port of Spain.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that if no Appearance is entered within the said fourteen (14) days from the last date of publication of this advertisement, then the Claimant may proceed against you and judgment will be given in your absence.

AND TAKE NOTICE that a copy of the Fixed Date Claim Form and Affidavit in support of Sharlene Headley can be obtained at the offices of M.G. Daly & Partners at 115A Abercromby Street, Port of Spain, Attorneys-at-Law for the Claimant.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that this matter comes up for hearing on 10th December 2018 at 9:30am in Courtroom PO504, High Court of Justice, Knox Street, Port of Spain.

Dated this 16th day of October 2018