

NOBEL LAUREATE FESTIVAL 2020

10 January – 6 February 2020

“Celebrating Excellence: Vision 20/20”

Friday 10 – Saturday 19 January 2020 Celebrating Excellence



Why are Saint Lucia's Nobel Laureates important and why should a Nobel Laureate Festival be celebrated each year? These are two of the questions answered in a five-minute programme with Nobel Laureate Committee members and guest, writer Vladimir Lucien. Sponsored by Delia Dolor Media Relations and Choice Mediazone.

CHOICE TV 7:55 p.m. before Choice News Now.

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Saturday 11 January 2020 'The SHR Experience 2020'

'The SHR Experience 2020' is a full-day cultural dance exchange workshop focussing on sharing dance knowledge and strengthening networks in the performing arts community, acting as a building block for dancers in St Lucia.

The workshop will feature three international choreographers, Royal G, TSU Terry and Chris Gayle, who have worked alongside Disney, Keke Palmer, Meek Mill, Spice, Snoop Dogg and "So You Think You Can Dance", to name a few. They will be joined by St Lucian dancers Jaimie Forde (Helen Folk Dancers) and Gideon Ambrose (Silver Shadow).

Sportivo, Rodney Heights, Gros Islet, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets: \$80.00 from FJB Events and Rentals **(No Ticket Sales at the Door)**

Contact: Ms Shatoya Jn Baptiste | 758shr@gmail.com | WhatsApp (1-758) 720-3644

Monday 13 – Friday 31 January 2020 Walcott House Open House

The general public and schools Island wide are invited to visit Walcott House over a period of three weeks where they will be influenced by Sir Derek and Roderick Walcott's work. Tour guides will walk students through the exhibition, giving them some inclination of the contribution of the Walcott brothers to Saint Lucia and the world. This encourages the education of children and exposes visitors to the Walcott's' achievements and their contribution to the Saint Lucian identity, national pride and place in the international landscape.

Walcott House, 17 Chaussée Road, Castries

Opening times: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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This exhibition will feature sketches by Derek Walcott from numerous plays, highlighting his talent as a watercolourist and playwright.

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Monday 13 January 2020 Kindling: Under Walcott’s Light–Spoken Word Improv

Young poets practiced in Spoken word and improv will be invited to present their discourse through performance art that is based on current events relevant to Saint Lucia.

Walcott House, 17 Chaussée Road, Castries, 7:00 p.m.

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Monday 13 January 2020 Schools Music Festival

The Schools’ Music Festival organized by the Curriculum and Materials Development Unit (CAMDU) was created with the aim of developing the musical skills of both teachers and students, and for presenting an avenue to showcase the work which goes on in the schools. As a result, this festival integrates the different aspects of the music programme and will feature the best performances from the district music festivals held during November 2019, in choir, solo singing, and instrumental music, which are creative, entertaining, and outstanding.

National Cultural Centre, Barnard Hill, Castries, 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Mr Jason Joseph | 730-0144

Tuesday 14 January 2020 National Awards of Excellence

St. Lucia prides itself on having produced two Nobel Laureates – the highest ratio in the world for number of Nobel Laureates with respect to the total population. At the end of January each year, St. Lucia celebrates this most revered achievement in the

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history of the Caribbean and indeed the Western Hemisphere. The commemoration of the contribution of our two Nobel Laureates is used by the Ministry of Education, Innovation, Gender Relations and Sustainable Development as an opportunity to highlight the achievement of students and staff in various disciplines – Academics, Arts and Sports as well as in their contribution to community development.

The National Awards of Excellence is the Ministry’s annual opportunity to highlight the accomplishments of the ministry and upcoming projects, as well as the recognition and commendation of individuals and institutions within and connected to the education sector.

National Cultural Centre, Barnard Hill, Castries, 10:00 a.m. (By Invitation Only)

Contact: Ms Kentillia Louis | ker_louis@yahoo.com | 730-0162

Wednesday 15 January 2020 2019 Queen’s Commonwealth Essay Competition Awards Ceremony

A ceremony to announce the winners and recognise the students who took part in the 2019 Queen’s Commonwealth Essay Competition.

The Central Library, Bourbon Street, Castries, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
(Admission EC\$ 10.00)

Contact: Mrs Michelle N. Samuel | sludtera@gmail.com | 484-5374 | Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/885099598543930>

Wednesday 15 January 2020 Sherma Thomas Book Launch

758 Books, Gablewoods Mall Food Court, Choc, Castries, 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Mrs Dahlia Francois | dahliafrancois@yahoo.com | 450-0819 | 716-5974

Thursday 16 January 2020 Walcott Symposium: Preserving the Walcott Legacy

The symposium will be an opportunity to assess the impact of the Walcott family and the Nobel Laureate Festival's Walcott activities; and identify possible pathways to ensure the development and continuity of the Walcott legacy in St Lucia.

Conference Room, National Cultural Centre, Barnard Hill, Castries, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (By Invitation Only)

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Thursday 16 January 2020 “A Night of the Arts”

A gathering of local and regional artistes who will share performances from their latest projects as well as tributes to St Lucia's Nobel Laureate for Literature.

758 Books, Gablewoods Mall Food Court, Choc, Castries, 6:00 p.m. (Contribution EC\$ 10.00)

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Friday 17 January 2020 Walcott Schools' Arts Festival: “A Walcott Collage”

A Walcott Collage is a production which explores a major motif in the work of Sir Derek Walcott, the sea. It will comprise excerpts from plays such as "The Sea at Dauphin" and poems that all share the sea motif together with song and dance reflective of our St Lucian cultural narrative.

National Cultural Centre, Barnard Hill, Castries, 1:00 p.m. (Contribution EC\$10.00 adults; \$5.00 children 16 years and under)

Contact: Ms Kentillia Louis | ker_louis@yahoo.com | 730-0162

Sunday 19 January 2020 Church Service and Breakfast

Abbey of Our Lady of the Assumption, Mount of Prayer, Coubaril, Castries, 7:45 a.m.

Breakfast costs \$35.00 per person

Contact: Mrs Kieran St. Rose | winnifred_s@hotmail.com | 721-3715

Sunday 19 January 2020 Nobel Laureate Book Fair

The 2020 Book Fair, which has now become a staple of the Nobel Laureate Festival events, will feature an exhibition of child authors with the main focus of introducing them to the public while celebrating the excellence of these young writers.

758 Books, Gablewoods Mall Food Court, Choc, Castries, 4:00 p.m. Thereafter from Monday 20 January – Friday 31 January 2020.

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Tuesday 21 January 2020

Sir Derek Walcott Memorial Lecture Delivered by Mr Mac Donald Dixon

Title of Presentation: *"AFTER DEREK WALCOTT---The Saint Lucia Poetic Tradition"*



Mac Donald Dixon is a Saint Lucian poet whose work has appeared in several anthologies and literary magazines. In addition to poetry Dixon has written several plays, published four novels and a collection of short stories.

Finance Administrative Centre, Point Seraphine, Castries, 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Ms Drenia Frederick | dreniafrederick@cdfstlucia.org | 452-1859; 718-4579

Wednesday 22 January 2020

Opening of Exhibition: *“The Steel Pan – Evolution, Revolution, Acceptance”*

A visual documentary into the origins of the steel pan, the turmoil surrounding the introduction of the steel pan into Saint Lucia, pioneers of steel pan music, women in pan, major steel pan orchestras, and acceptance of the steel pan internationally and more importantly within the ecclesiastical sphere.

St. Lucia National Archives Authority, Vigie, Castries, 10:00 a.m.
Thereafter Monday to Friday from 09:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Contact: Mrs Margot Thomas | mariette900@gmail.com | 452-1654 | 724-3699 | 452-9840

Wednesday 22 January 2020
SALCC Academic Discourse

The Sir Arthur Lewis Community College Academic Discourse and Panel Discussion on the topic ***“Artistic Revolution”***.

Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, CEHI: SALCC Room 1 (Library) Morne Fortune, Castries, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Contact: Mrs Kathy Birch-McDiarmed | kbirchmcdiarmed@apps.salcc.edu.lc | 457-5238

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The Sir Arthur Lewis Community College Evening of the Arts: “God’s Earth”

Play written, directed and produced by the students of the SALCC.

In the harsh abyss of space, the God of Earth one day (Earth day) manages to create life on her planet; the first in the universe. The other gods, disgusted by her creations, ultimately ends up of punishing her, causing her to live amongst her very creations, as a human.

National Cultural Centre, Barnard Hill, Castries, 7:30 p.m.

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Thursday 23 January 2020

**Sir Arthur Lewis Memorial Lecture Delivered by Mr Timothy Antoine
Governor, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB)**

Title of Presentation: *“Socio-Economic Transformation by Invitation and Innovation”*



Mr Timothy N. J. Antoine is a Grenadian economist and development practitioner who spent 14 of his 22 years with the Government of Grenada’s Ministry of Finance as Permanent Secretary. He has also served as Advisor in the Office of the Executive Director for Canada, Ireland and the Caribbean of the World Bank Group and was based in Washington DC. He is currently the Governor of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB).

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Friday 24 January 2020 Wreath Laying Ceremony

A solemn remembrance of the passing of Sir William Arthur Lewis and Sir Derek Walcott at the grave sites, Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, Morne Fortune. Wreaths are laid by representatives from the Lewis, and Walcott Families, The Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, and the St. Lucian Community.

Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, Morne Fortune, Castries, 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Mrs Kathy Birch-McDiarmed | kbirchmcdiarmed@apps.salcc.edu.lc | 457-5238

Friday 24 January 2020 St Mary’s College Tribute to the Laureates: *“Black and White in Colour”*

St. Mary’s College brings to the stage in glorious colour - through drama, song, spoken word, dance, art and photography - the back story of the boy who wears the black and white uniform.



National Cultural Centre, Barnard Hill, Castries, 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Ms Christelle Lee | lee_christelle@hotmail.com | 452-4526

Friday 24 to Saturday 25 January 2020 *“Paint the Village – Camp and Masterclass”* with Jonathan Gladding



This year’s Paint the Village, hosted by Jonathan Gladding, is an overnight camp and master class which would allow for painting when the light is best (early morning and late afternoon, aka the golden hour).

Morne Leblanc Nature Heritage Site, Laborie, from Friday 24 January 2020 from 5:00 p.m. until midday Saturday 25 January 2020

Contact: Laborie Development Foundation | laborie.development@gmail.com | 455-9910.

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Saturday 25 January 2020 Workshop to Design A Community History Project

A one-day workshop convened with community leaders and resource people (especially historians and individuals with experience in the collection and documentation of oral history) to design a project to document the social, economic, political and environmental history of the Laborie community which could also serve as a pilot project that other communities could emulate.

Velon John Administrative Centre, Laborie, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Laborie Development Foundation | laborie.development@gmail.com | 455-9910

Saturday 25 January 2020 “Conversations”

An evening of performances by representatives of schools and the wider Dennery community followed by a lecture.

Chateau Heritage, Dennery, 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Mrs Perpetua James | perpsjms@yahoo.com | 715-1167 | 453-8202

Monday 27 - Friday 31 January 2020 Screening of the Series of Sir Derek Walcott Lectures

The Sir Derek Walcott Lectures are a wealth of information on Sir Derek’s works, his achievements and legacy. The screening of the Sir Derek Walcott Lectures involves the screening of past addresses by guest presenters discussing Sir Derek’s influence on their work. There will be a plenary discussion at the end of each screening.

Walcott House, 17 Chaussée Road, Castries, 7:00 p.m. **Call 452 3629 for bookings**

Contact: Ms Germaine Joseph | builthertiage@stlunatrust.org | 452-5005

Tuesday 28 – Friday 31 January 2020 Exhibition: “A Thirty-Year Journey of Excellence”

Veteran Calypsonian Marilyn “Lady Leen” Baptiste celebrates thirty years in the entertainment industry with an Exhibition at the Castries Town Hall Auditorium. For her commendable contribution to the calypso art form, Lady Leen was awarded the Saint Lucia Les Pitons Medal (Gold) in 2005 and a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Saint Lucian Diaspora in New York in 2019. Among her most popular tunes are

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“Woman in a March” and “Respect” which came out in 1990 and “My Day” released in 2019. A celebratory Concert is scheduled for 25 April 2020.

Castries Town Hall Auditorium, Peynier Street, Castries, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Ms Marilyn Baptiste | leenbaptiste1958@gmail.com

Wednesday 29 January 2020 SALCC Meet the Artistes

Meet the Artistes exposes students of SALCC to various forms of artistic expression with an opportunity to meet artistes professionally engaged in a specific genre of art. For the 2020 Nobel Laureate Festival, the artistic genre of sculpting will be in focus with artists who work with different materials within this genre. They will interact with students, share their life's journey and inspire students to pursue their interests and develop a heightened appreciation for the arts.

Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, Morne Fortune, Castries, 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

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Saturday 1 February 2020 SALCC Race to the Morne

The race will commence at 6:00 a.m. from the Derek Walcott Square and proceed to the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, Morne Fortune, via the La Toc Road. It is open to both the students, faculty and members of the public. Participants may run or walk the route and there will be prizes for various categories.

Push your body and mind to the Limits in the Pursuit of Excellence. Includes Registration fee and packages (T-Shirts, etc) to participants.

Derek Walcott Square Castries to the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, Morne Fortune, Castries. Start Time 6:00 a.m.

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Thursday 6 February 2020 The 4th Annual UWI Open Campus Patricia Ismond Literary Workshop



As its contribution to Nobel Laureate Festival celebrations for 2020, **The UWI Open Campus Saint Lucia** will once again collaborate with the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College and Vieux Fort Comprehensive Secondary School Campus B at the 4th Annual Patricia Ismond Literary Workshop. The event will take the form of an intensive examination preparation workshop for students currently preparing for the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) Literatures in English.

The workshop is dedicated to the memory of Saint Lucian literary icon and long-serving UWI Lecturer **Dr Patricia Ismond**, in whose name a posthumous scholarship for Saint Lucian students attending The UWI has been established. To date, three (3) students have been the recipients of the scholarship generously provided by her sister, Ms Hester Ismond.



Facilitating the workshop will be Saint Lucian born **Dr Antonia MacDonald**, former SALCC Lecturer and current Professor of English Literature and Associate Dean in the School of Arts and Sciences, St. Georges University. Committed to empowering through education, Dr MacDonald has been active in the development of academic programs that offer quality instruction and respond to local, regional, and international educational needs. She is currently working on the development of postgraduate programmes that, through interdisciplinary initiatives with other regional and international universities, will increase educational opportunities in the Eastern Caribbean. She has also written extensively on literature written by Caribbean women.

UWI Open Campus, Morne Fortune, Castries, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Ms Siguthani Joseph | siguthani.joseph@open.uwi.edu | 452-3865(6) | 724-2160

Saturday 28 March 2020 *“Kesnoh: The Story of Black Mallet”*

A play written by Mac Donald Dixon and directed by Kendall Hippolyte.

National Cultural Centre, Barnard Hill, Castries, 7:00 p.m.

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2020 SALCC Student Discourse: “Celebrating Excellence: Vision 20/20”

Student representatives from all Divisions of the SALCC, led by the SALCC Debate Society will engage in a discussion on the theme for this year's Nobel Laureate Festival *“Celebrating Excellence: Vision 20/20”*. They will reflect and share their opinions on our country's progress, particularly as it relates to education, the environment and developmental initiatives.

Pre-recorded for future broadcast on NTN, date and time to be confirmed.

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