



**SHORT FILM
COMPETITION**

2023

Rules and Guidelines

- Competition is open for Amateur Film makers aged 12-18 years (YOUTH) and 19 years and Over (ADULT).
- Interested entrants are required to create a 3-5 minutes Treatment for a Short Film by selecting one of the Categories/Genres (Animation, Documentary, Sci-fi, Drama or Comedy) and based on one of the following Jamaican Sayings/ Proverbs:

1. Bull ole, dem tek plantband tie him.

TRANSLATION: When the bull is old, you may use the band of the plant to tie him.

MEANINGS AND EXPLANATIONS: As a person ages, it becomes easier to control or restrain them.

2. Ev' bry hoe have dem tick a bush.

TRANSLATION: Every hoe has its stick in the bushes.

MEANINGS AND EXPLANATIONS: In spite of all the odds one has in finding a partner, someday a suitable match found and all will be well.

3. Bucket guh well ebryday wan day di battam mus drap out.

TRANSLATION: The bucket goes to the well every day, one day the bottom will fall out.

MEANINGS AND EXPLANATIONS: Constant risk taking leads to trouble eventually. If you constantly take risks, you will eventually get into trouble.

4. Fiyah deh a musmus tail, im tink a kool breeze.

TRANSLATION: Fire at the mouse's tail, he thinks it is cool breeze.

MEANINGS AND EXPLANATIONS: When one does not recognize trouble in the making, sometimes people mistake trouble for something good.

5. Igle jackass falla cane trash guh a poun.

TRANSLATION: Stray jackass will be taken to the animal pound.

MEANINGS AND EXPLANATIONS: Inactivity is detrimental; someone with nothing to do will get into trouble.

6. Tek time mash ant yuh fine im belly.

TRANSLATION: Take time in killing an ant, you will find his belly.

MEANINGS AND EXPLANATIONS: Take the necessary time to investigate and you will get the answers you seek.

7. A nuh wan day monkey waan wife.

TRANSLATION: It is not only for a day that a monkey wants a wife.

MEANINGS AND EXPLANATIONS: Be mindful of tomorrow.

Things that happen today will have an impact in the future.

- Treatment should include Name and contact information, Working Title, List of Characters and a Synopsis of the story (paragraph).
- Submission of Screenplay Treatments opens on Friday, June 30 and should be submitted to drama@jcdc.gov.jm by July 30, 2023.
- There will be a Mandatory virtual Workshop on July 13, 2023;
- Entrants will work on their films with a mentor from our team to complete the film by August 27, 2023.
- Films must be shot in Landscape format (16:9).
- The use of any software to edit video, audio or special effects are allowed.
- *Films should be 3-5 minutes without credits.*
- Films with expletives, pornography and excessive violence will not be accepted by the JCDC's Drama Unit.
- Rating should be PG or conducive for family viewing.
- Final submission of completed films by August 27, 2023.
- The adjudication process and announcement of winners will be completed by September 28- 29, 2023

1st Place-\$350,000 - 2nd place-\$250,000 -3rd place-\$150,000