



THE NATIONAL GAS COMPANY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIMITED

Press Release

NGC Backs Community Film Shows

Tobagonians turned out in force last Friday for the NGC-sponsored Independence Film Series in which two classic movies with a connection to the sister isle were screened to a packed house. “Fire Down below”, the 1957 Hollywood adventure drama shot in Trinidad and Tobago, and “Hurricane Flora” a documentary produced by the Government Information Services (GISL) in the aftermath of the deadly 1963 hurricane that devastated Tobago, played to a full house at Movie Towne, Tobago.

As riveting as the night’s screenings, were the memories about both events that members of the audience shared in a post-screening chat that gave an authentic community feel to the evening.

NGC’s sponsorship supports and helps facilitate the Trinidad and Tobago Film Festival’s initiative to take to communities films which have been produced locally, or which have a local dimension. NGC’s sponsorship is specially focused on carrying the viewing experience to communities in Tobago, San Fernando and Point Fortin.

Next Tuesday (Aug 21), the local blockbuster *Bim* will be screened at San Fernando Hill alongside *Best Village Finals 1967*. On the following Saturday (August 25) the TTF caravan will head to the Point Fortin Public Library for a showing of *The Louis Brothers* (13-min) doubled with *Men of Grey II: Flight of the Ibis* (94 mins). The shows begin at 7 p.m.

NGC’s support for the blossoming local film industry is among the company’s gifts to the people of Trinidad and Tobago to mark the 50th anniversary of Independence. The community screenings are being presented under the title “Side By Side” which is a joint initiative of the TTF and the Inter-Ministerial Committee for the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Independence. All shows are free and open to the public.

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