



THE NATIONAL GAS COMPANY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIMITED

PRESS RELEASE

NGC Sponsors Bocas Lit Fest to tune of TT\$250,000

NGC has a long history of involvement in the arts & culture of Trinidad and Tobago. Over the years, we have been a sponsor of San Fernando Arts Council's Sanfest Festival; the Lydian Singers and Lydians Steel Orchestra, our own Folk Festival in 2002 and a contributor to the Music Literacy Trust. In 2008, NGC sponsored the publication of the Dictionary of English/Creole of Trinidad and Tobago. The inaugural Bocas Lit Fest therefore presented an ideal opportunity for NGC to get involved in the literary arts.

This inaugural festival runs from April 28 to May 1 and brings together writers and readers alike from Trinidad and Tobago, the Caribbean and the wider world for four days of readings, performances, workshops, discussions, film-screening, and more. The programme will feature over 50 events, the culmination of which will be the award of the 2011 Bocas Prize for Caribbean Literature, a prize worth US\$10,000.00.

A call was made to NGC staff to volunteer for this exciting programme and give a face to the Company at this festival. Ten NGC staffers have volunteered to assist the Bocas Lit Fest organisers with various activities, including registration at events, ushering and writer shuttling. NGC encourages a volunteerism ethos among its employees as part of its Reputation and Relationship (RR) Ambassador Programme.

For further details on the Festival, check out the website: <http://www.bocaslitfest.com>