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Awareness through Art

Minister Cox meets with Trinity Dance Theatre Artistic Director for production on Human Trafficking

Port of Spain - Earlier today, (Wednesday 3rd April, 2024), Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox, met with Mr Allan Balfour, the Artistic Director of the Trinity Dance Theatre of Trinidad and Tobago. The meeting took place at the Ministry's Office on St. Vincent Street in Port of Spain.

During the meeting, Mr. Balfour conveyed to the Minister that the primary focus of his theatre company is to address the key social issues of Trinidad & Tobago and present stimulating and thought-provoking works, through a fusion of Caribbean-contemporary dance styles. Due to his close experiences with, and sincere support for victims of human trafficking, his theatre company will centre its 2024 Dance Season "*ALPHA*" on human trafficking, exploring the social issue "*Human Trafficking as a form of Gender-based Violence.*" The event is scheduled to take place on June 8-9, 2024 at Queens Hall and will include a Dance Presentation on Human Trafficking entitled "*Silenced*" and a Social Outreach Short Film on Human Trafficking. Recognizing the Ministry's critical role and support for victims of human trafficking, Mr Balfour invited the Minister to support and serve as patron for the event.

Minister Cox in turn commended Mr Balfour for using his art to raise awareness and inspire action, and, for focusing his dance presentation on the highly sensitive issue of human trafficking. She also informed Mr Balfour that plans are underway for the establishment of a transitional facility to accommodate women who are victims of trafficking.

Minister Cox further pledged her support for the initiative emphasising that the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services remains steadfast in its commitment to actively pursuing opportunities aimed at raising awareness of significant social issues such as this one.



Minister Cox meets with Mr. Allan Balfour, Artistic Director of the Trinity Dance Theatre of Trinidad and Tobago on April 3 at the Ministry's Head Office.



Mr. Allan Balfour, Artistic Director of the Trinity Dance Theatre of Trinidad and Tobago shares with the Minister his upcoming dance presentation “ALPHA” which focuses on human trafficking.

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