



*Tamesha Wilson*  
Miss Portland  
Festival Queen 2024



## Parish Coronation

*"The Jamaican Woman: Proud & Bold!"*

**Saturday, June 28, 2025**

**Port Antonio High School**  
Portland  
8:00 p.m.



## Programme



National Anthem	To be Played
Opening Presentation	Contestants
Master of Ceremonies	
Opening Remarks & Acknowledgement-	Dr. Winston Campbell
Appearance & Introduction by Contestants	
Performance	- Miss Jonelle Scott (Recording Artist & National Finalist JCDC Festival of the Performing Arts)
Talent Parade	Contestants
Performance	- Miss Jonelle Scott (Recording Artist & National Finalist JCDC Festival of the Performing Arts)
Contestants Appear in Evening Wear	
Contestants Serenade	- Mr Ruel Martin National Finalist JCDC Festival of the Performing Arts
Announcements of Sectional Prizes:	Most Congenial Most Active in the Community Most Poised Most Culturally Aware Most Popular on Social Media Best Performance
Performance	Mr Ruel Martin National Finalist JCDC Festival of the Performing Arts
Announcement & Interview	Top 5 Contestants
Performance	- Miss. Makalia Benjamin Miss Portland Festival Queen Winner 2023
Final Walk	- Miss Tameisha Wilson Miss Portland Festival Queen 2024
Crowning	- 2nd Runner Up - 1st Runner Up - Miss Portland Festival Queen 2025



*Message for Miss Jamaica  
Festival Queen Parish  
Coronation 2025*

*From*

*Mrs. Glennette Sinclair, JP  
Chairman, National Festival  
Queen Committee*

*It is with great honour and enthusiasm that I welcome you to the 2025 staging of the Jamaica Festival Queen Competition - a proud tradition that continues to celebrate the*

*essence, excellence and enduring strength of Jamaican womanhood. For over five decades, the Festival Queen Competition has stood as a pillar of cultural preservation, female empowerment and national pride.*

*Under this year's theme, "The Jamaican Woman, Proud and Bold," we pay tribute to the fearless spirit of our women - unapologetically confident, culturally grounded, and nation-driven. From Nanny of the Maroons to today's leaders and changemakers, Jamaican women have long stood as powerful symbols of resilience, intelligence and grace.*

*The Festival Queen Competition is more than a cultural showcase. It is a platform for transformation - a place where young women are empowered to lead, to advocate and to amplify the voices of their communities. This competition nurtures not only queens but ambassadors of Jamaican heritage, character and pride.*

*To our exceptional parish queens: thank you for stepping forward with courage, elegance and purpose. You represent the dreams of generations and the hopes of a brighter future. Each contestant represents not just her parish, but the heart of a people determined to move forward while honouring the past.*

*I also extend sincere gratitude to our sponsors, partners, volunteers and the hardworking staff of the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC) for their steadfast support.*

*As we celebrate the 2025 Festival Queen Competition, let us continue to honour and uplift the Jamaican woman - proud, bold and destined for greatness.*

*One Love,*



*Message for Miss Jamaica Festival  
Queen Parish Coronation 2025*

*From*

**Mr. Lenford Salmon, OD, JP**  
*Executive Director Jamaica Cul-  
tural Development Commission*

*An Agency of the Ministry of  
Culture, Gender, Entertainment  
and Sport*

*I am honoured—yet humbled—to lead an agency that continues to uplift, inspire, and empower Jamaicans through culture. Among the many impactful programmes of the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC), the Miss Jamaica Festival Queen Competition stands out as a shining example of cultural preservation, leadership development, and national pride.*

*This competition is so much more than the crowning of a Queen. It is about nurturing women who lead with purpose and passion. Every contestant, regardless of the final outcome, embarks on a transformational journey that leaves her more confident, community-focused, and culturally grounded. The women who enter do not leave the same way they came in—and that growth is the true measure of success.*

*This year, we celebrate a historic milestone with the extension of the age eligibility to 30 years—a progressive decision that broadens access to this enriching experience. It reflects our commitment to inclusivity and to recognising the diverse and dynamic paths that young Jamaican women take in their personal and professional lives.*

*We encourage all Jamaicans to support the Queen in your parish. Help her bring her vision to life, and stand with her as she carries the pride of your community to the national stage. Their success is our shared achievement.*

*To the families, volunteers, parish coordinators, sponsors, and our exceptional JCDC staff—thank you. Your unwavering support continues to power this programme and uphold its legacy of excellence.*

*Let us continue to celebrate, honour, and invest in the women who shape Jamaica's cultural future.*



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Festival Queen Parish  
Coronation 2025*

*from*

**Marjorie Leyden-Kirton, BSc(L)  
JP.**

**DIRECTOR, Community Cultural  
Development Services  
Division**

**Jamaica Cultural Development  
Commission**

**An Agency of the Ministry of  
Culture, Gender, Entertainment  
and Sport**

*The Miss Jamaica Festival Queen  
Competition has a longstanding  
tradition of unearthing, developing,  
and showcasing intelligent,*

*talented, and culturally aware young women. Our parish queens continue  
to exemplify confidence, creativity, and cultural pride—each one bringing  
her unique voice and vision to this cherished platform.*

*The 2025 Jamaica Festival Queen Parish Coronation is shaping up to be  
truly exceptional. Across the island, the contestants have been undergoing  
rigorous training and personal development, all designed to prepare them  
for leadership, community service, and cultural ambassadorship. As a  
former Parish Festival Queen myself, I know firsthand the life-changing  
value of this experience and congratulate the contestants for being that  
**"Jamaican Woman: Proud & Bold!"***

*I extend heartfelt thanks to our sponsors, supportive families, dedicated  
volunteers, and the hardworking JCDC parish staff. Your unwavering  
commitment ensures that this programme continues to thrive and  
inspire—celebrating not just beauty, but purpose, pride, and Jamaican  
identity.*

*Message From  
The Miss Portland Festival Queen Committee  
2025*

*The Miss Jamaica Festival Queen Competition seeks to highlight the valuable contributions our women make to the development of their country as cultural ambassadors and nation builders.*

*This year, Seven (7) young ladies stand as "**The Jamaican Women; Proud & Bold**", vying for the coveted title of Miss Portland Festival Queen 2025". Each of them already queens and ambassadors for their parish and ultimately their country Jamaica.*

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*To Miss Tameisha Wilson our outgoing queen, you made us proud as you represented yourself, family, community, the parish of Portland, the Northern region and at the National level in a very dignified and elegant way. Continue with your project and all the best for the future. The one crowned queen tonight will have a big shoe to fill.*

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*To the hard working JCDC Portland Parish Staff and the Head Office, thank you for the part played in promoting our cultural heritage.*

*To our judges and the viewing public, your continued support over the years is much appreciated as without your presence the show would not be the same. God bless you all and enjoy the evening.*



## *Farewell Speech*

*From*

*Miss Portland Festival Queen 2024  
Miss Tameisha Wilson*

*As I take my final walk as your reigning Miss Portland Festival Queen 2024, I am filled with deep gratitude and reflection on this incredible journey.*

*This crown has been a symbol of purpose and responsibility. Representing my beloved parish on the national stage, serving as a cultural ambassador, and sharing in the beauty of our heritage were among the many duties I carried with pride. I was humbled to be recognized among thirteen exceptional parish queens with sectional awards for Most Poised and Best in Gown.*

*Upon returning home, I embarked on my parish project, "Finding Your Keys", an initiative designed to nurture and showcase the musical talent of young people in Portland. While the journey brought its fair share of challenges, the mission remains alive and impactful.*

*I've learned to walk boldly in my truth as a young woman of colour, and have had the privilege of organizing, and participating in events that uplift and inspire our community.*

*I extend my most sincere gratitude to every individual and organization that has supported me throughout this remarkable journey. To the dedicated Portland JCDC staff, my incredible trainers, generous sponsors including Hotel Tim Bamboos, The Hon. Lincoln Thaxter, The Zaca, and the Portland Co-operative Credit Union my beloved friends and family, my sister queens, and the wider Portland community, thank you.*

*To the next young woman who will wear this crown, wear it with pride, purpose, and confidence. Cherish every moment of your journey, and continue to wave The Jamaica Flag high with honour and love.*

## CONTESTANT # 1

*Mikhalya Brown*  
**Miss Folly Ruins**

Sponsored by *Cllr. Wayne McKenzie*  
of the Prospect Division



**Age:** 18 yrs old

**Community:** Cottage Lane

**Education:** Currently pursuing a Bachelor in Fine Arts (Acting Track)

**Occupation:** Student

**Philosophy:** "Lead with love, serve with pride, and represent with purpose."

**Special interests:** Philanthropy, Theatre and Traditional Folk Dances.

**Hobbies:** Playing Netball, Dancing, Reading, Writing Poems and Cooking.

**Personality:** I am a vibrant blend of passionate and purposeful, confident, jovial, compassionate and creative, radiating warmth and energy.

**Favorite Author:** My favorite authors are The Hon Dr. Louise Bennett Coverley and Joan Andrea Hutchinson

**Favorite Folk Group:** is the Port Antonio

Theatre Group.

### **Community Involvement:**

- Member of the Port Antonio Theatre Group (2012-present)
- Vice President for Edna Manley College's Kiwanis International Club((2024-2025)
- Voluntary Services include:
  - Caribbean Events Group Limited(Event Manager and Meeting Assistant)(2025)
  - Jamaica Reggae Industry Association (JaRIA)-Intellectual Property Week Event Stage Hand (2025)
  - Yawd Bridge Entertainment-Unscripted Sunday Performer(2025)
- Adjudicator and Emcee for cultural/theatrical/youth development events such as:
  - Portland Parish Youth Council Little Leaders Ceremony(2025)
  - HEART TRUST NSTA Jingle Competition (2024)
  - Prize Giving Ceremony at Norwich Primary School(2023)
  - Women in Theatre Workshop for Teen Girls (2025)
  - Girl's Day at Mico University College (2025)
  - Good Vybz Media Red Carpet Film Premiere (2025)
  - Philanthropy at Port Antonio Primary School(Assisting students in need with school supplies and other small items)(2025)
  - Beach Clean up (2023-2025)
  - Outreach programs to Schools about Culture and Arts(2024)
  - Visitations at Children's Homes,Hospitals and Senior Citizen Homes,to help where needed with services and care packages (2024-2025)
  - Part-Time Speech and Drama Teacher at RJR Basic School(2025)
  - The Beyond Woman Brand Ambassador(2025)
  - Presenter at the 2025 Actor Boy Awards (2025)
  - Performer at Dahlia Harris's "Women in Theatre Festival".(2025)

**The Jamaican I admire most:** is The Honorable Dr. Louise Bennett Coverley (Ms. Lou).

**Why:** She is a legendary poet, folklorist, and cultural icon whose contributions to Jamaican literature and culture are immeasurable.

**Where I see myself in the next 5 years:** I see myself having completed my studies at Edna Manley College and received my B.F.A and pursuing my BSc in Biology to become a medical doctor (OBGYN). While flourishing in my chosen career within the arts, and making meaningful contributions to the Jamaican cultural landscape.

## CONTESTANT # 2

*Kenessa Edwards*  
**Miss Nonsuch Cave**  
Sponsored by *Mr. Isat Buchanan,*  
*Attorney-at-law*



**Age:** 20 yrs old

**Community:** Boundbrook

**Education:** Currently pursuing studies in Hospitality and Tourism Management at the College Of The Agriculture, Science and Education

**Occupation:** Student

**Philosophy:** "Rain caah fall everyday sun affi shine" each time you fail you must strive for success"

**Special interests:** Tourism Volunteering

**Hobbies:** Cooking, Dancing, Exploring new place

**Personality:** Trust worthy, determined and a vibrant individual

**Favorite Author:** Alvin Day

**Favorite Folk Group:** is the Port Antonio Theatre Group.

### **Community Involvement:**

- (PMC) Labour Day parish project (Bryans Bay Beach clean up – May 2025)
- Volunteered assisted teacher (Boundbrook Infant School)- May 2025
- Volunteered at Port Antonio High School -2017-2025
- Assisted Acappella Commission with their community activity April 2025
- Forestry Department, Forest Trek (CASE) March 22, 2025
- Assisted with cooking (JTEM) for CASE opening day February 2025
- Volunteered cooking with JTEM year one student Monday Munchies Madness January 2025
- Decorating the Christmas tree at CASE December 11, 2024
- Forestry Department, Forestry Trek (CASE) November 16, 2024
- Coastal Cleaning Day CASE Rotary Club September 21, 2024
- Spring Bank Labour Day Spring and Road project May 2024
- SK run Boundbrook SDA church 2022

**The Jamaican I admire most:** is Shelly Ann Fraser Pryce

**Why:** This woman is phenomenal not only is she a strong black woman but she take pride in her work and her love for the country Jamaica, her restless efforts throughout track and field mommy rocket the determination she have place into young girls giving them hope for their future through her foundation.

**Where I see myself in the next 5 years:** God spare life I see myself in the next five years having my bachelor's degree in hospitality and Tourism Management, reshaping the tourism economy and achieving my other goals.

### CONTESTANT # 3

*Takeita Marson*  
**Miss Rio Grande**  
Sponsored by Stylz FM

**Age:** 25 yrs old

**Community:** Shewsbury

**Education:** Currently pursuing a Bachelors of Technology Degree in Environmental Science at the College of Agriculture, Science & Education

**Occupation:** Football Referee & Student

**Philosophy:** "If you have no confidence in self you are twice defeated in the race of life, with confidence you have won before you have started."  
Marcus Mosiah Garvey"

**Special interests:** Philanthropy, Volunteerism, Advocacy, Pageants, Football development, Learning new languages, Cultural Exchange, Gaining more knowledge in my field of study and other areas

**Hobbies:** Refereeing, Reading, Watching television, Surfing the internet, Exercising and Outdoor recreation

**Personality:** ovia!l, Enthusiastic, Passionate, Persistent, Reliable, Punctual, Determined, Selfless, Outspoken, Strong leadership qualities, Ambitious



**Favorite Author:** My favorite authors are Victor Reid and C. Everard Palmer

**Favorite Folk Group:** is the Port Antonio Theatre Group.

#### **Community Involvement:**

- Volunteer at the Portland Municipal Corporation Bryan's Bay Park Labour Day Project 2025
- Shrewsbury Recycling Drive (April 2025 - present)
- Fruitful Vale Primary Alumni Association (March 2025- present)
- Portland Football Referee Group (Secretary 2022- Present)
- Portland Football Referee (2017- present)
- Port Antonio Marching Band (2020)
- College of Agriculture, Science and Education: LEO Club CASE Chapter 2021- 2023
- Member of the Environmental Advocates for Restoring and Transforming our Home (EARTH) Club 2023-2024
- Member of the Fraternity of Advanced Scientific Thinkers (FAST) Club 2020 - 2021
- Member of CASE Axiology Club 2021-2023
- Project Manager - 2021-2022
- Member of the CASE Female Football Team 2022 and 2023
- CASE Student Guild Faculty of Applied Science, Engineering and Technology (FASET) Representative 2023-2024
- Participant of the Miss CASE Competition 2023
- CASE Lignum House Captain 2024
- Usher at CASE Graduation 2023

**The Jamaican I admire most:** is Diana McCaulay

**Why:** She is the founder of Jamaica Environment Trust - JET) who is an activist, advocate and environmentalist. I started reading about her while in my undergraduate program. The work that she has done to protect the natural resources in Jamaica and other areas is admirable. She inspires me to be an advocate for the environment and much more.

**Where I see myself in the next 5 years:** I see myself as the owner of 'TTM Smoothies' and a Gymnasium business. I would also like to be certified in other areas such as fitness instructor, food preparation, and supervisory management. I am hoping to complete my Masters Degree in Climate Change Mitigation or Environmental Law while developing my environmental skills that will help to mitigate environmental problems and protect our natural resources. Last but not least, a philanthropist that is passionate about the well being of people in her community and her country.

## CONTESTANT # 4



*Tiana Smith*  
**Miss Cenotaph**  
Sponsored by *Buff Bay Texaco*

**Age:** 22yrs. old

**Community:** Norwich

**Education:** University of the West Indies-  
BA Cultural and Creative Industries (currently  
enrolled)

**Occupation:** Student

**Philosophy:** "When everyone is sitting,  
stand. When Everyone is standing, stand out.  
When everyone is standing out, be outstanding  
and when everyone is being outstanding you  
simply be the standard"

**Special interests:** Filmmaking, Youth  
Advocacy and Cultural retention of West  
Indian Heritage, Public Policy and Youth  
Development

**Hobbies:** Are Reading, Creative Arts and  
Photography

**Personality:** Introverted, Creative,  
Adaptable, Outspoken

**Favorite Author:** My favorite authors are Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche, Edwidge Danticat and Kei Miller

**Favorite Folk Group:** is the Port Antonio Theatre Group.

### **Community Involvement:**

- Port Antonio Theatre Group- Public Relations Officer and Media Personnel: 2024- Present
- Radio host- Youth Sounds presented by the Jamaica Baptist Union Youth Department 2022-present
- Vice President of Communications and Internal Relations-UWI STAT (Students Today Alumni Tomorrow) 2024-25.
- Presenter Eternal Father Awards 2025.
- Founder- Girl Be Heard: a non-profit organization
- Youngest person to ever participate in the Annual Anansi storytelling festival at 18 years old: 2021
- Youngest and first Jamaican to participate in the heartland international film festival 2022 at 19 years old.
- Vice President- Portland Parish youth council 2025- present,
- Governor Generals I Believe Initiative Ambassador 2024- present
- Future Makers Volunteer for the parish of portland- 2025
- Participated in read across Jamaica day at The Buff Bay SDA Academy as a reader and a Speaker 2025.
- Portland Association of Baptist Youths Youth Representative 2025.
- Volunteer the Good steward foundation 2023-2024.
- Top amateur filmmaker for 2025 at the Raindance international film festival
- Youth advocate 2024- present,
- Co-founder of the Little Leaders Initiative with the Portland Parish Youth Council- 2025
- Participated in labour day activities with the Municipal Corporation, JCDC and the Portland Parish Youth Council- 2025

**The Jamaican I admire most:** is Dr. Terri-Karelle Reid

**Why:** She is the epitome of a resilient woman, after being unable to pursue her career in Jamaica as a doctor of veterinary medicine due to accreditation issues, she turned her pain into purpose and became one of Jamaica's most known and beloved media personalities.

**Where I see myself in the next 5 years:** I see myself as a well established media practitioner and filmmaker helping to make brand Jamaica better than it already is. Giving back to the cultural landscape through cultural preservation work to help with cultural erosion. To establish myself as a youth advocate giving back to my parish and underserved communities

## CONTESTANT # 5



*Candiece McIntyre*  
**Miss Reach Falls**

Sponsored by *Cllr. Orton Manahan*  
of the Hope Bay Division

**Age:** 18 yrs. old

**Community:** Boundbrook

**Education:** Port Antonio High School

**Occupation:** Student

**Philosophy:** "Work hard for the future you aspire to see."

**Special interests:** Fashion Designing

**Hobbies:** Are Drawing, Sewing, Acting, and Singing.

**Personality:** Honest, Tenacious, Expressive, Observant, Ambitious, Compassionate, Empathetic.

**Favorite Author:** My favorite author is Anne Tindale

**Favorite Folk Group:** is the Port Antonio Theatre Group.

### **Community Involvement:**

- Peer educator at Port Antonio High School- 2024-Present
- Member of the speech club at Port Antonio High School- 2023- Present
- Member of the drama club at Port Antonio High School- 2023-Present
- Member of the choir at Port Antonio High School 2023-2024
- Chaplin (lead worship at school events) at Port Antonio High School 2024- Present
- Member of the Prefect Committee at Port Antonio High School- 2024-Present
- Member of the spiritual support group at Port Antonio Seventh Day Adventist- 2017-Present.

**The Jamaican I admire most:** is *Alaine Laughton*.

**Why:** I love her approach to reggae and dancehall. As a music lover, beats are always wonderful but I found ease with singing her uplifting songs about unity and love.

**Where I see myself in the next 5 years:** In the next five years, I see myself graduating University and starting my business in the Fashion Industry. In addition, motivating Jamaicans to utilize our heritage sites to not only sustain the knowledge of our culture and history, but to capitalize and share our culture with the world.

## CONTESTANT # 6



### *Nevrona Campbell* **Miss Nanny Falls**

**Sponsored by** *Cllr. Dexter Rowland*  
of the Port Antonio Division

**Age:** 26 yrs. old

**Community:** Buff Bay

**Education:** Edna Manley College Of the  
Visual & Performing Arts- Bachelor of  
Drama In Education

**Occupation:** Teacher

**Philosophy:** "All things are working for  
my good."

**Special interests:** Theatre and Music

**Hobbies:** I enjoy singing, listening to music,  
reading and writing poems and plays.

**Personality:** Jovial, sociable and  
vivacious.

**Favorite Author:** My favorite authors  
are Ntozake Shange and Lorna Goodison

**Favorite Folk Group:** is the Jamaican  
Folk Singers

### **Community Involvement:**

- Member of Bodou Production, September 22, 2022
- Theatre Arts Teacher at Buff Bay High School, September 04, 2025
- Director and Founder of The Buff Bay High Theatre Collective ( a group registered with the Portland Youth Council), September 25, 2023
- Volunteer at the Portland Municipal Corporation Bryan's Bay Park Labour Day Project May 23, 2025
- Song Writer and singer for the Re-Imagining Nanny Documentary Film (This Film won the viewer's choice award film 2025 at GATTFEST Film Festival)- June 7, 2025
- Assistant Public Relations Officer for St. George's District Association, June 13, 2025

**The Jamaican I admire most:** is Lorna Goodison

**Why:** Because of her significant impact on literature and culture, Lorna Goodison is the Jamaican I most admire. One of the most well-known poets and authors in the nation, she has elevated Jamaican voices particularly those of women through her writing. Her poetry is inspirational and accessible since it frequently captures the beauty, adversity, and tenacity of Jamaicans. My greatest admiration for Lorna Goodison is her ability to transform ordinary events into heart-warming tales that have a profound impact on people worldwide. Her significant accomplishment of being Jamaica's Poet Laureate in 2017 demonstrates her significance not just in the Caribbean but even internationally.

**Where I see myself in the next 5 years:** I envision myself flourishing over the next five years as a self-assured, creative, and influential theater practitioner and teacher. In addition to teaching Theater Arts, I see myself working in a vibrant educational setting where I lead creative projects that encourage students to find their own gifts and express themselves fearlessly. However, as a theatre professional, I envision myself creating original Jamaican plays that highlight social issues, folklore, and our rich cultural legacy. Overall, I envision myself in five years being content, well-respected in my industry, and continuing to develop because, as an artist and educator, the path never really stops.

## CONTESTANT # 7

*Sashay Williams*  
**Miss Blue Mountain**  
Sponsored by *Hotel Tim Bamboo*



**Age:** 22 yrs. old

**Community:** Orange Bay

**Education:** Titchfield High School (2014 - 2019), Edna Manley College of the Visual & Performing Arts (2020 - 2022), & Sheridan College, Canada (2022 - 2024); Pursuing a Diploma in Visual Merchandising Arts

**Occupation:** Visual Arts and Integrated Science teacher at the Portland High School

**Philosophy:** "Shoot for the stars si that if you fall you will land somewhere among the clouds"

**Special interests:** Fashion Design, Styling, Hairdressing, Makeup artistry, Modeling, Creative directing, Graphic designing, Live performances and Animal-lover

**Hobbies:** Singing, Dancing, Crocheting, Reading, Art & Craft projects, Going to the beach

**Personality:** Creative, Perfectionist, Ambivert, Empathetic, Outspoken

**Favorite Author:** My favorite authors is Rick Riordan

**Favorite Folk Group:** is the Port Antonio High School Culture Club

**Community Involvement:**

- Participated in community service with the North-East Jamaica conference of Seventh Day Adventist Churches in March 2025
- Started a community project entitled the "Pretty for School" initiative where hair of students is braided for free on Sundays starting in May
- Participated in the Bryan's Bay Beautification Project on Labour Day 2025

**The Jamaican I admire most:** is Anna-Lisa Guthrie.

**Why:** Anna Lisa- Guthrie is a young, passionate fashion designer and Art director who has become famous for her innovative designs. I admire her work and her influence in the fashion industry of Jamaica, giving hope to young creatives including myself, that the skills in fashion and art can be used to promote the rich culture of Jamaica.

**Where I see myself in the next 5 years:** In the next five years God's willing, I will be the CEO of an established and nationally recognized Fashion and Marketing Company which will allow me to travel the world sharing the enticing culture of my island-home Jamaica.

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**Mr. Rohan Lawrence**

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- Mrs. Mexine Bisasor Bryan JP - Chairman of the JCDC Board of Commissioners
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- Mr. Harvey DaCosta - Director, Finance and Accounts

## **PRODUCTION TEAM**

- Mr. Sean Drysdale - Drama Development Specialist
- Mr. Hamish Murphy - Protocol and Guest Relations Coordinator
- Mr. Jomo Witter - Sound Engineer
- Mrs. Tanaquill Mosley-Dixon - Runner

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- Dr. Maureen Campbell, JP - Parish Chairman
- Miss. Anna Kay Rodgers - Parish Manager (Actg.)
- Mr. Desmond Johnson - Parish Administrator (Actg.)
- Miss. Chantal Wilson - Records Officer (Actg.)
- Mrs. Dorett Smith - Office Attendant

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