

Barbados Speightstown Global Freedom Festival 2022 Calendar



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Speightstown Global Freedom Festival



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Freedom talks, Heritage, Cuisine & Art

Designated as the nation's centre for heritage, cuisine, and the arts, and grounded in the authority of its heritage of freedom-fighting, the world is invited to Speightstown to experience the excitement and inspiration of sharing, learning, and visioning a future of wealth, prosperity and peace built on a foundation of freedom. The Speightstown Global Freedom Festival is an explosion of culture, history, and philosophy that includes everything from art exhibitions, music, poetry, and parades to discussions and academic seminars.

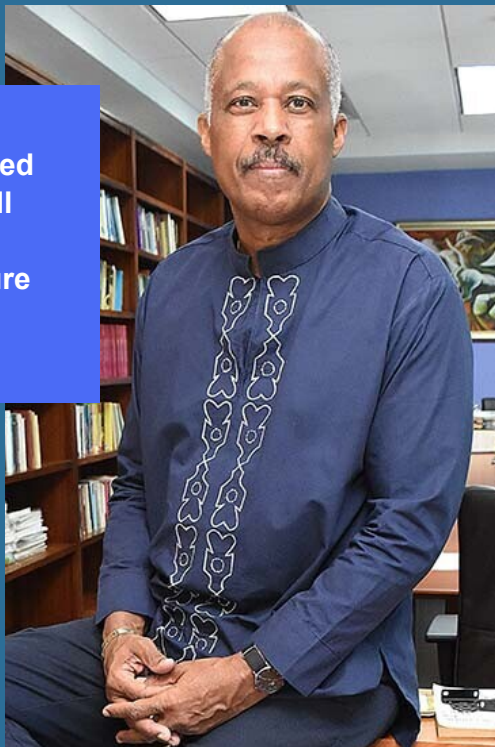
The Centre for Hybrid Studies (CHyS) in collaboration with the St Peter Parish Independence Committee, the St Peter Parish Organizing Committee and the Speightstown Task Force successfully staged the inaugural Speightstown freedom festival event in 2021.

1675 First Black Freedom Plan

Speightstown is the site of the earliest black new world freedom plan that sought to crown "Cuffee" as Barbados' first African King in 1675. The plan of the enslaved African sages, priests and warriors to establish Barbados as a West African kingdom was betrayed. The price was high for the revolutionaries. The White enslavers burnt six alive and decapitated eleven before dragging them through the streets of Speightstown and finally burning their bodies.

They executed twenty-five and beat or deported seventy. Five Africans committed suicide. In trying to identify more leaders to torture and punish, the Whites threatened Tony, one the leaders, to burn him alive. His now legendary response was, **"if you roast me today, you cannot roast me tomorrow"**!

Prof. Sir Hilary launched the 2022 SGFF and will deliver the inaugural Cuffee Freedom Lecture on June 12, 2022 in Speightstown



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Repairing an Ignoble Legacy

Between 1627 and 1838 the Trans-Atlantic trade to Barbados enslaved Africans under the barbaric system that was chattel slavery. Early in that period Barbados acquired the dubious honour of exporting to the Americas the system that became the hallmark of southern United States - white supremacy and endemic racism. The White colonizers of the Carolinas and the exporters of that terrible system sailed out of Speightstown. Speightstown has a duty to address that ignominious chapter and become an exporter of justice and freedom. Every year, during Barbados' Season of Emancipation from April 14 to August 27, scholars in all fields including philosophers and scientists, as well as artists, diplomats, and politicians will journey to Speightstown to study, discuss, promote, and display the best examples of what it means to be free.

In the spirit of Tony's resolve to be free despite the horrific sacrifices, the African struggle for freedom continued across Barbados with major a plot in 1692, a rebellion in 1816, ****

Economic Freedom

The current representative for Speightstown, M.P. Colin Jordan insists that Speightstown's "struggle has been global." Cognizant of the ongoing struggle for freedom and self-determination, he conceptualised the lecture "From Cuffee to Owen" which was delivered in Speightstown by Professor Sir Hilary Beckles in February 2020 who traced the town's legacy of freedom struggles from enslavement to post-independence.

UNCTAD Speightstown Declaration

In November 2021 the UNCTAD Spirit of Speightstown Declaration announced that

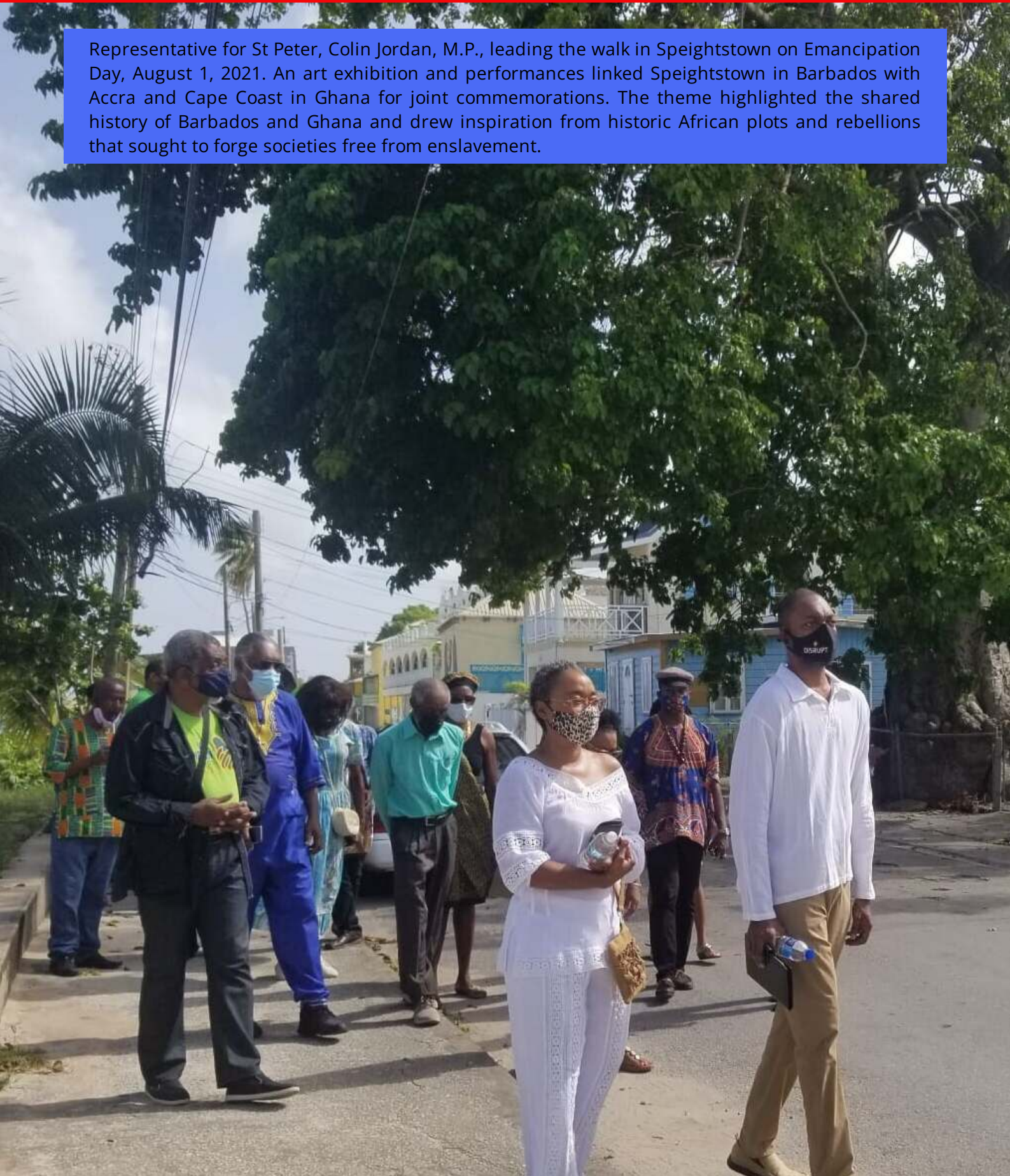
"As a consequence of the combined effects of the pandemic and climate change, we confront today a crisis of the global common good. This impinges on every aspect of human life: health, education, housing, safe and nutritious food, clean water and decent work, not to mention the resilience of our institutions. It jeopardizes the right and hope of every human being to enjoy a life of dignity in security and freedom."

It challenged us to

"work across the boundaries of faith, culture and nationality to arrive at a shared moral vision for our interconnected world; a vision grounded in universal respect for human rights, and particularly the eradication of structural racism, structural discrimination against women and all elements of unconscious bias."

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Representative for St Peter, Colin Jordan, M.P., leading the walk in Speightstown on Emancipation Day, August 1, 2021. An art exhibition and performances linked Speightstown in Barbados with Accra and Cape Coast in Ghana for joint commemorations. The theme highlighted the shared history of Barbados and Ghana and drew inspiration from historic African plots and rebellions that sought to forge societies free from enslavement.



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APRIL



Barbados' Speightstown Global Freedom Festival 2022

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Event	SGFF Launch
Date	Thursday April 14
Time	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Duration	2 hrs
Venue	Speightstown Library

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| Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remarks by business & local representative Mr. Clement Armstrong• Remarks by constituency representative M.P. Hon. Colin Jordan• Remarks and declaration of opening by Global representative Professor Sir Hilary Beckles• Announcement of the calendar of events by Dr Deryck Murray |
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Event	SGFF Philosophy & Art
Date	Wednesday April 27 Postponed to May 6 due to rain
Time	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Art Exhibition opening 6:30pm – 8:30 pm Panel discussion
Duration	3 ½ hrs

Venues	Speightstown Library
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| Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening of visual art exhibition entitled "Programmed" highlighting the engagement of ICT; its benefits and threats to our freedom• Panel discussion entitled "ICT and Freedom" - Steven Williams; Ambassador Martha Ortega; Russell Watson |
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Event	Poetry, Music & Food
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Date	Friday April 29 Postponed to May 6 due to rain
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Time	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
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Duration	2 ½ hrs
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Venues	Fisherman's Pub
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Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poetry readings themed around freedom in Fisherman's Pub• Live music and emerging artists
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MAY



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Event	SGFF Philosophy & Art Exhibition
Dates	Wednesday May 25
Time	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Art Exhibition opening 6:30pm – 8:30 pm Panel discussion
Duration	3 ½ hrs
Venues	Gallery of Art Caribbean & Speightstown Library
Activities	Gallery of Caribbean Art Opening of visual art exhibition entitled “Black Beauty” Library <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panel discussion entitled “Black Freedom of Expression”• Poster display on Cuffee and other plots and rebellions of enslaved Africans• Display on Speightstown generally

Event	SGFF Poetry, Music, Plein Air Art & Food
Dates	Friday May 27
Time	3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Duration	1 ½ hrs
Venues	Fisherman’s Pub & Boardwalk or Jetty
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poetry readings themed around freedom in Fisherman’s Pub• Plein Air art aimed at capturing Speightstown on Boardwalk or Jetty• Rum, Spirits and Spirituality tasting and heritage tours• Walking heritage tours

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Event	SGFF Theatre & Music Production
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Dates	Friday May 27
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Time	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
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Duration	2 ½ hrs
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Venue	Esplanade & streets
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Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st & 2nd episodes of a dramatic series on Cuffee performed by school children from St Peter Schools• Live band music• Northern emerging musician featured• Screening of 2 short films that speak to freedom• Tuk Band music on street and DJ music after stage production until 10:00 pm.
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JUNE



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Event	SGFF inaugural Cuffee Freedom Lecture
Dates	Sunday, June 12
Time	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Duration	2 ½ hrs
Venue	Alexandra Shool
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ceremony to entrust the Ashante Stool to the Member of Parliament for St Peter• Inaugural Cuffee Freedom Lecture – Professor Sir Hilary Beckles

Event	SGFF Philosophy & Art
Dates	Sunday June 22
Time	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Art Exhibition opening 6:30pm – 8:30 pm Panel discussion
Duration	3 ½ hrs
Venues	Gallery of Art Caribbean & Speightstown Library
Activities	Caribbean Gallery of Art Opening of visual art exhibition entitled “Spirituality” Library <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panel discussion entitled “Religious Freedom”• Poster display on Cuffee and other plots and rebellions of enslaved Africans• Display on Speightstown generally

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Event	SGFF Poetry, Music, Plein Air Art & Food
Dates	Friday June 24
Time	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Duration	1 ½ hrs
Venues	Fisherman's Pub & Boardwalk or Jetty

Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poetry readings themed around freedom in Fisherman's Pub• Plein Air art aimed at capturing Speightstown on Boardwalk or Jetty• Rum, Spirits and Spirituality tasting and heritage tours• Walking heritage tours
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Event	SGFF Theatre & Music Production
Dates	Friday June 24
Time	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Duration	2 ½ hrs
Venue	Esplanade & streets

Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4th episode of a dramatic series on Cuffee performed by school children from St Peter Schools• Live band music• Northern emerging musician featured• Screening of 2 short films that speak to freedom• Tuk Band music on street and DJ music after stage production until 10:00 pm.
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JULY



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Event	SGFF Freedom Market
Dates	Sunday July 24 – Monday August 1
Time	10:00 am – 10:00 pm
Duration	12 hrs daily
Venue	Throughout city
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install Speightstown – Cape Coast virtual wall• Vendors• DJ music• Events organized by stores & promoters

Event	SGFF Young Africentric Movie Makers (YAMM)
Dates	Tuesday July 26
Time	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Duration	2 ½ hrs
Venue	Esplanade
Activities	Films on resistance, rebellion, activism, labour rights

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Event	SGFF Poetry, Music, Plein Air Art & Food
Dates	Friday July 29
Time	3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Duration	1 ½ hrs
Venues	Fisherman's Pub & Boardwalk or Jetty

Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poetry readings themed around freedom in Fisherman's Pub• Plein Air art aimed at capturing Speightstown on Boardwalk or Jetty• Rum, Spirits and Spirituality tasting and heritage tours• Walking heritage tours
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Event	SGFF Theatre & Music Production
Dates	Friday July 29
Time	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Duration	2 ½ hrs
Venue	Alexandra School

Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5th episode of a dramatic series on Cuffee performed by school children from St Peter Schools• Live band music• Northern emerging musician featured• Screening of 2 short films that speak to freedom• Tuk Band music on street and DJ music after stage production until 10:00 pm.
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Event	SGFF Emancipation Day Parade and Production
Dates	Tuesday August 2
Time	9:00 am – 12:30 pm
Duration	3 ½ hrs
Venue	Esplanade & streets
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emancipation Day Parade led by children from St Peter schools depicting the Cuffee rebellion and themes of freedom• Link up with Cape Coast• Flowers placed at Cuffee monument & stool turned down• Final episode of a dramatic series on Cuffee performed by school children from St Peter Schools• Live band music & poetry• Northern artists featured• Live music on the street and DJ music after stage production until close of business.