

Ms. Coll. 418 Trinidad Theatre Workshop Papers, 1965-2002
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Trinidad Theatre Workshop Papers

Includes correspondence, photographs, scripts, set designs, financial information, touring information and other material related to all aspects of the functioning of the Trinidad Theatre Workshop, its affiliates and educational programmes, 1965-2002. Founded by Derek Walcott in 1959. (See also Derek Walcott Papers, Ms. Coll. 136 and 348)

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A Brief Company History

TTW maintains its commitment to its founding principles and objectives: ***Research, Training, Development and Exposition of all performing and artistic disciplines considered to be integral to the advancement of the performing arts in Trinidad and Tobago.***

Founded in 1959 by distinguished West Indian poet and Nobel Laureate for Literature 1992, Derek Walcott, the company introduced the first theatre season in Trinidad and Tobago with three plays: Jean Genet's ***The Blacks***, Eric Roach's ***Belle Fanto***, and Wole Soyinka's ***The Road***. Since that time the Workshop has produced Trinidad's foremost actors, and indeed has been a source of theatre skills for the entire Caribbean.

The TTW Resident Company has made several tours throughout the Caribbean and North America. They were also invited to perform at the first Caribana Festival in Canada, as well as at the prestigious Eugene O'Neill Playwrights Conference in 1969. Later, such acclaimed Walcott works as ***The Joker of Seville***, commissioned by the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1974, ***O Babylon*** and ***Pantomime*** were premiered at the Little Carib Theatre in Woodbrook, Trinidad and more recently were taken on tour to the Huntington Theatre in Boston, the Afro Caribe Festival in Rotterdam, Holland and the Singapore Festival of Arts. In the spirit of Professor Rex Nettleford's descriptive phrase, "**the flagship of the theatre movement in the Caribbean,**" the Trinidad Theatre Workshop has been seeking to secure a permanent home for the performing arts.

In 1989 a dynamic opportunity for the realization of this dream was offered by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago in the form of a building eminently suitable for this purpose, The Old Fire Station Building in Trinidad's capital city, Port of Spain. The time that the Trinidad Theatre Workshop spent at this venue was crucial to TTW's development, both as a performing company and an educational institution, with its Theatre-in-Education, Outreach and School for the Arts programmes being the primary source for arts training at the community level in Trinidad and Tobago.

However, in 1999 (the year of our 40th Anniversary) TTW had to bid a sad farewell to the Old Fire Station Building. Since that time the TTW has established its office at #17 Rust Street, St. Clair, Port of Spain. The change in venue only created a change in the **method** that the TTW utilizes to achieve its goals – however its vision remains constant. In the year 2001, TTW renewed its relationship with the Little Carib Theatre, the place where it had its beginnings, and utilized the venue for its Limelight and Up Close and Personal Series, as well as for the hosting of its School for the Arts and Theatre-in-Education Programmes.

--From Trinidad Theatre Workshop website: <http://www.ttw.org.tt/>

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