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Renowned Dignitaries and Entertainment Honors the Legacy of the Late Shirley Chisholm  
And the Historical Election of Vice President Kamala Harris  
*Virtual Panel and Film Festivals opens Caribbean-American Heritage Month*

(Brooklyn New York & Los Angeles, CA – May 24, 2021) With noted dignitaries and voices from film and tv, the Caribbean Heritage Organization (CHO) in partnership with the Shirley Chisholm Cultural Institute (SCCI) are launching the Caribbean-American Heritage Month Celebration kick off with a “Bring A Folding Chair” salute to the legacy of the late Honorable Shirley Chisholm and the historical election of Vice President Kamala Harris on **Friday, June 4, 4pm PT/7pm ET**. Quoted by the late great trailblazer Shirley Chisholm: “If they don’t give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair.”

It is in the spirit of the “Little Lady” that the Caribbean Heritage Organization (CHO) and the Shirley Chisholm Cultural Institute (SCCI) are pleased to announce that they have partnered to not only celebrate Ms. Chisholm’s bold legacy during Caribbean-American Heritage Month, but to “ensure that in this age of authenticity and correcting misinformation, that she takes her rightful place in American history,” says Marva Griffiths Herman, Executive Director of the Los-Angeles based Caribbean Heritage Organization.

“As we continue to explore and unpack the legacy of Congresswoman Chisholm, the goal of SCCI is to set the foundation for that path, honoring the many seeds planted by this visionary who was Unbought and Unbossed for the people,” remarked Barbara Bullard, President of the Shirley Chisholm Cultural Institute. “It is an honor to be in partnership with the Caribbean Heritage Organization on this initiative.”

The event will also serve as the kickoff to the “Bring A Folding Chair” campaign to add to the many social justice mantras of this age and in support of Representative Yvette Clarke’s H.R. 2198 and Senator Raphael Warnock’s S. 1032 Bills to the Joint Congressional Committee on Libraries to have a statute of the 5’2” towering in the US Capitol.

The logo of Ms. Chisholm stepping out with a folding chair under her arm and VP Harris in step behind her was done by visual artist David Herrera.

**To Register: “Bring A Folding Chair” Salute**, Friday, June 4, 4pm PT/7pm ET <https://caribbeanheritage.org/>

Following Week Snapshot:

**CaribbeanLens Film Festival**

June 10 & 11, 10-3:00pm PT/1-6:00pm ET

Rising Sun Award: Actress Golda Rosheuvel

Social Consciousness in Film Award: Director Steve McQueen

Excellence in Music Award – The Kanneh-Masons

Robert Nesta Marley Humanitarian Award - Nurse Sandra Lindsay on Behalf of Covid-19 Frontline workers

**About Caribbean Heritage Organization (CHO)**

It is the mission of the Caribbean Heritage Organization to: Chronicle the experiences of the expatriated Caribbean people, from the most recently arrived immigrants to leaders in American and European society, from life on the streets of Brooklyn, London, Toronto to deal making in the halls of power. Showcase and educate in the different aspects of Caribbean arts and culture in and outside the region. Conserve and

celebrate the rich and diverse contributions of the Caribbean and its people to the international society. Support and nurture existing and emerging creative talent in the Caribbean through academic scholarships, mentorship and promotion of Caribbean films and filmmakers, theater and dance. Caribbean Heritage Organization, Inc. is a 501 © (3) entity. [CHO Website](#)

**About Shirley Chisholm Cultural Institute (SCCI)**

It is the mission of The Shirley Chisholm Cultural Institute (SCCI), founded in 1977 with the approval of Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, is to provide voluntary services for children to enhance their development; provide cultural experiences to help children become more expressive, more creative and more appreciative; provide opportunities for the parent/guardians of children to be invested in enhancing the educational and cultural advancements of their children through participation and understanding; to help parents, guardians and children utilize economic, recreational and health and resources in the community; to assist in creating new resources that will lead to family stability. Our primary goal of the Shirley Chisholm Cultural Institute is to preserve the legacy of Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm through the initiatives cultivated in 1977 with 21<sup>st</sup> century activism and innovation. [SCCI Website](#)

**Additional Partner:**

**Jamaica Cultural Alliance**

Jamaica Cultural Alliance (JCA) is a Los Angeles 501(c)nonprofit with activities focusing on four strategic areas of development; I. Education and Literature; II Performing Arts and Music; III Visual Arts & Technology; IV Heritage and Resource Development. The mission of the Jamaica Cultural Alliance is to promote the best of Jamaica, its people and their multifaceted lifestyles, in order to clarify and enhance the image of Jamaica and the Caribbean at large.

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