

INTRODUCING THE HAITI EN FOLIE FESTIVAL IN NEW YORK CITY

October 22 - 23, 2016

Brooklyn College - 2900 Campus Rd, Brooklyn NY

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Hosted by iconic actors/filmmakers **FABIENNE COLAS & RÉGINALD LUBIN**

And popular radio show host **CAREL PEDRE**

After 10 successful years in **Montreal**, Quebec (Canada), The **Fabienne Colas Foundation** is thrilled to bring the very popular **Haiti en Folie Festival** to **New York City**, NY (USA) - on **October 22 & 23, 2016**. This will be an unprecedented celebration of Haitian culture in Brooklyn through Comedy, Theatre, Literature and so much more. The first edition of the Festival expects to attract thousands of people from all ages while creating real opportunities for cross-cultural mixing, sharing, encounters, new discoveries and entertainment. Haiti en Folie NYC Festival program [HERE](#)

"New York has the second largest Haitian community in the United States, after Florida. We couldn't think of a more appropriate state or a better timing to be introducing Haiti en Folie Festival to the American audience." states Fabienne Colas, President and Founder of the Festival. "The aim of the Haiti en Folie NYC Festival is to transform New York City into a meeting place for New Yorkers and the greater Haitian community."

2016 HAITI EN FOLIE NYC FESTIVAL MAIN PROGRAM

THEATRE – PAWÒL CHOUCOUN: Hosted by iconic actors/filmmakers **FABIENNE COLAS & RÉGINALD LUBIN**

Brooklyn College Center for the Performing Arts - Whitman Theatre - 2900 Campus Rd, Brooklyn, NY

Presented by Fabienne Colas Foundation

After a phenomenal success in Haiti en Folie Montreal Festival in 2009, 2011 & 2016, the hottest and most Caribbean version of Eve Ensler's Obi award-winning play "**The Vagina Monologues**" (Haitian Version: **PAWÒL CHOUCOUN - 60% French / 40% Creole**) will open the first edition of the Haiti en Folie NYC Festival on **Saturday, October 22 – 7PM** at Brooklyn College's Whitman Theatre. Based on interviews with over 200 women about their memories and experiences of sexuality, The Vagina Monologues (PAWÒL CHOUCOUN) is made up of a number of monologues performed by a varying number of women. Each of the monologues deals with an aspect of the feminine experience, touching on matters such as sex, love, female genital mutilation, rape, orgasm, menstruation, masturbation, birth, the various common names for the vagina... Original texts: **Eve Ensler** - Direction/adaptation: **Florence Jean-Louis Dupuy**. Starring: **Cynthia Jean-Louis, Fabienne Colimon, Florence Jean-Louis Dupuy, Ange Belie Andou**. **TICKETS & DETAILS** www.haitienfolie.com/newyorkcity | **Regular: \$40** in advance (50\$ @ door) | **VIP package: \$75**.

LITERATURE – CONFERENCE AND BOOK SIGNING: Hosted by popular radio show host **CAREL PEDRE**

Brooklyn College - Room: Whitehead Hall 222 - 2900 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

Co-presented by Fabienne Colas Foundation, Haiti Cultural Exchange, Tonèl Restaurant

The Haiti en Folie NYC Festival will end on a literary note with a conference and book signing with the famous authors **Rodney Saint Eloi** and **Michel Soukar** on **Sunday, October 23 at 6PM** at Brooklyn College. **Michel Soukar**, an author and historian, is well known for his political involvement and his radio broadcasts on Haiti's history, economy and international politics. He is the writer of the historical novel Cora Geffrard published in 2011, which earned him a special mention of the Prix littéraire des Caraïbes 2011 – also available that day. **Rodney Saint-Eloi** is a Haitian poet, writer, member of l'Académie des Lettres du Québec and founder of Mémoire d'encrier, a publishing house in Montreal. He will be presenting his new book. **FREE ADMISSION** – Registration mandatory on www.haitienfolie.com/newyorkcity

HISTORY OF HAITI EN FOLIE FESTIVAL

The Haiti en Folie Festival (Haiti on Fire Festival), created by the [Fabienne Colas Foundation](#), is held in Montreal each summer, and has been attracting thousands and thousands of visitors from around the world since its inception in 2007: visitors of all ages and backgrounds who want to attend **the largest multidisciplinary event outside of Haiti dedicated entirely to Haitian culture**. Haiti en Folie Montreal Festival has welcomed, with the collaboration of its partners, renown artists from legendary **Manno Charlemagne** (Singer and former mayor of Port-au-Prince) to **Wyclef Jean** (Fugees – Grammy award winner), from **Dany Laferrière** (Author and member of French Academy) to **Boukman Eksperyans** (Grammy Award nominee) and many more... The Festival showcases Haitian Music, Dance, Cinema, Theatre, Literature, Food, Comedy and Visual arts.

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