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UWI to Screen New Documentary Film on the Life of Noted Historian, Activist, Dr. Walter Rodney

The Institute of Caribbean Studies will host the new documentary, “W.A.R. Stories: Walter Anthony Rodney”, directed by Clairmont Chung. This film covers the life of world renowned, historian, author and activist Dr. Walter Rodney who was assassinated on Friday, June 13, 1980, at age 38, in his native Guyana.

The documentary explores Rodney’s personal and ideological development. It examines his involvement in the 1968 ‘Rodney riots’ in Jamaica, Southern Africa's struggle for independence and civil rebellion in Guyana.

The documentary features luminaries including publisher, Walter Bgoya of Tanzania, a personal friend and confidant of former President Julius Nyerere, Dr. Clive Thomas, Dr. Rex Nettleford, Dr. Leith Mullings, Amiri Baraka and Dr. Rodney’s daughter, Asha Rodney.

A panel discussion featuring Mr. Clairmont Chung, Mr. Jerry Small, Mr. Richard Small and Professor Rupert Lewis is scheduled after the viewing.

Date and Time: Friday, November 13, 2009 at 5:30 pm

Venue: N1 Lecture Theatre, University of the West Indies, Mona

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