

## THE SPEAKERS' BIOS



**Stacey Dos Santos-Rahaman** is the Co-owner of Christa Marketing Solutions. She is also the Co-founder of the award-winning Visit Guyana Travel and Tourism brand and Co-founder and Publisher of the award winning Visit Guyana Lime, Dine and Unwind and Visit Guyana travel Magazines.

She is a graduate of the University of Guyana with a degree in Computer Science and specializes in Marketing with her core specialty being Social Media Marketing. She has served on the board of the National Parks commission and the Guyana Tourism Authority.

## The birth of Visit Guyana

Stacey decided to set up the Visit Guyana Facebook page in 2016 in order to counter the negative online portrayals of Guyana. She, along with her partner, set off on a mission to capture photos and stories of Guyana: their main objective being to show it off to the world,

and all that made Guyana unique and special. Their facebook page gained over 10,000 fans in 4 months and went on to win two awards from the Guyana Tourism Authority for: 1) Destination Guyana promotion 2013, and 2) Best in Tourism Supporting Services 2019. The Visit Guyana Magazine also won a Guyana Tourism Award in 2016 for Tourism Entrepreneur of the year. The Visit Guyana facebook and Instagram pages, still managed by Stacey and her team, currently boast over 250,000 fans and 54,000 fans respectively.

Apart from her professional portfolio Stacey is a mom of two. She is a firm believer in youth empowerment, promoting entrepreneurial culture and small business development. She uses her platform to regularly promote and mentor Guyanese start-up brands and businesses.



**Egbert Carter** is a retired Civil Engineer who graduated from the University of Birmingham in the UK with a Post Graduate Diploma in Highway & Traffic Engineering in 1968 and a Master of Science Degree in Transportation and Environmental Science in 1969. He returned to Guyana the said year and was employed as an Assistant City Engineer with the Mayor & City Council of Georgetown. His interest in the "built" architecture of the colonial period and the preservation of the same especially in the capital city has generated an undying love for the preservation of those edifices that still remain.



Khadijatou Doyneh was raised in Georgetown, Guyana and recently celebrated 25 years as an International Performing Artist. She is a spoken word poet, singer-songwriter and dance theatre choreographer who has predominantly worked with generations of performers in the Townships of South Africa. The project that she is best known for is as a Founder of Step Afrika! UK', and being partner to the tri-continental festival that took place annually for a decade, 'Step Africa! International Cultural Arts Festival.' On the back

performances in 2018, she was awarded an Arts Council and British Council award to initiate new international intercultural possibilities in South America and was invited to perform her music and poetry live with African Djembe drum at the world renown, 'Medellin International Poetry Festival', in Columbia. Khadijatou will be performing two spoken word poems including '200 Years of Vex'. To learn more about her varied and exciting career please see the link below:

https://guyanesegirlsrock.com/she-rocks-meet-khadijatou-doyneh-aka-k2-international-singer-songwriter-spoken-word-poet/

Guyana SPEAKS would like to encourage everyone to support creative artists, particularly now when Covid makes their ability to earn even more challenging. To that end we have included **Khadijatou's PayPal details** or if more convenient her email address.

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