

**MS. CARIBBEAN USA & MISS TEEN CARIBBEAN USA**  
**Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> 2009**  
**CELEBRITY CENTRE INTERNATIONAL, HOLLYWOOD**

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Tuesday, May 5th 2009 - Hollywood, CA

**Caribmode Foundation**, a non-profit organization which showcases the talents of minorities within an educational and cultural arena, proudly celebrates its fifth year of the **Ms. Caribbean USA & Miss Teen Caribbean USA**. Both events will be **filmed for television by Haitain born executive producer Jean-Claude LaMarre**. Mr. LaMarre is a notable director and producer of such hits as **Gangs of Rose (starring Lil Kim, Lisa Raye and Stacey Dash), Nora's Hair Salon (Tatyanna Ali and Bobby Brown), Go for Broke (Pras and Glenn Plummer) and Color of the Cross; additional television credits include Pastor Jones, a half hour sitcom series**. This year's title sponsor for the Ms. Caribbean USA & Miss Teen Caribbean USA is **Kassava Fine Caribbean Restaurant** located at 8600 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90048. Mr. Lamarre is one of the present owners.

Caribmode began doing these events in New York City over nine years ago and has been in Hollywood for the last five years. The current event will again feature prominent **CELEBRITY JUDGES and FABULOUS PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS** such as: **\$5,000.00, a diamond necklace by Michelle Laurenti of Beverly Hills, an Appearance in one of Jean Claude LaMarre's Movie and/or television show, a portfolio, gift packages to name a few**. The host will be Ms. Camille McDonald, a designer of Lingerware Inc. & former contestant on Tyra Bank's America's Next Top Model.

**APPLICATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED FOR PAGEANT CONTESTANTS**

**Application Deadline: MAY 25, 2009**

**You can submit your photos from any state in the United States; California residents must apply in person at:**

**KASSAVA CARIBBEAN RESTAURANT**  
8600 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90048  
Telephone: 310-385-9298 or (310) 288-6540  
Website: [www.kassava.com](http://www.kassava.com)

**Requirements:**

You must be between the ages of 15-17 for the Miss Teen Caribbean USA and ages 18-24 for the Ms. Caribbean USA.

You must be either of birth OR parentage from the Caribbean Islands or territories including Guyana, Belize, Cuba and Puerto Rico residing in the United States of America at the time of the pageant. You will have to travel to Los Angeles to compete if selected as a finalist. A discounted travel and hotel package will be offered to you, your friends and families.

The Pageants executive director, Dorcas Moodie Bennett, is the founder of the first ever Mr. Caribbean USA Talent Cultural competition held at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem, as well as the Ms. Caribbean USA and Teen Caribbean USA Beauty and Talent Pageants. In 2001-2005 she was the writer, co-producer and co-organizer on several of singer Michael Jackson's events and in 2005 she successfully organized the first

Caribbean Golf Tournament in Montego Bay Jamaica. Recently, she was the charity spokesperson for the Westside Family YMCA at the Bel Air Country Club donors roundtable reception and assisted the YMCA in raising half a million dollars on their 2008-2009 Community Support campaign. Dorcas just completed her Romance Novel "THE DIARY OF A VIRGIN" which will be on sale July 4<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Part proceeds of the ticket sales will be donated to benefit DJONIBA Drum and Dance Centre in Manhattan [www.djoniba.com](http://www.djoniba.com) also H.E.L.P. (Hollywood Education and Literacy Project) [www.helplearn.org](http://www.helplearn.org)

Refreshments and food will be on sale at the pageant courtesy of Kassava Caribbean Restaurant.

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