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## **THE BVI FILM COMMISSION LAUNCHES FUTURE FILMMAKERS ACADEMY**

**Tortola, British Virgin Islands, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024** – The British Virgin Islands Film Commission is excited to announce the launch of the **Future Filmmakers Academy**, an immersive programme designed to introduce young creatives to the fundamentals of filmmaking. The academy will take place from **31<sup>st</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**, providing hands-on training in various aspects of the film industry.

The **Future Filmmakers Academy** is a week-long initiative aimed at **aspiring filmmakers, ages 7 to 12**, who are eager to explore the world of storytelling, directing, animation, and production. The programme will be facilitated by industry professionals, namely; **Dame Peters**, who will teach the **foundations of filmmaking**, and **Naudia Turnbull**, who will lead the **animation course**. Together, they will guide students through an engaging curriculum that covers essential filmmaking techniques and principles.

**“This academy is an incredible opportunity for young creatives in the BVI to gain real-world filmmaking experience,”** said **BVI Film Commissioner, Natalie Hodge**. “By equipping our youth with the knowledge and resources to explore careers in the film industry, we are fostering the next generation of storytellers and industry professionals.”

Participants will attend sessions at **Seagrape Studios at Skelton Baylot in Fish Bay** and **H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC) in Paraquita Bay on select dates**, where they will gain hands-on experience with essential filmmaking tools and software. **Sessions will run daily from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM.**

**Registration for the Future Filmmakers Academy is now open as of 4<sup>th</sup> March, and space is limited. Parents and guardians are encouraged to sign up their children as soon as possible to secure a spot.**

For more information, please contact the **BVI Film Commission** at telephone **284-852-6020** or email [info@bvifilm.com](mailto:info@bvifilm.com).

The BVI Film Commission is committed to providing support and other avenues for exposure for our local filmmakers to continue to develop and grow in the industry. For media inquiries or more information, please contact Ms. Natalie Hodge at telephone 284-852-6020 or 284-496-8299 or email [nhodge@bvitourism.com](mailto:nhodge@bvitourism.com).

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**About the British Virgin Islands Film Commission**

The British Virgin Islands Film Commission envisions the British Virgin Islands being positioned as a unique filming location, while contributing to economic growth in the Territory's film industry, in a manner that is mutually beneficial to the BVI Tourist Board's vision as well as the local Film Industry. Our mission is to foster, develop and promote a sustainable Film Industry for the British Virgin Islands in accordance with the vision and mission of the BVI Tourist Board.

**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

Photos: Future Filmmakers Academy Flyer