

# Caribbean Youth Show 'Goombay Kids' Getting International Interest

NASSAU, NEW PROVIDENCE, BAHAMAS, October 4, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Nassau, Bahamas...The cast and crew of Goombay Kids, a top-rated children's show being hailed as the Caribbean's Gullah Gullah Island entered it's third season with a private screening and red carpet premiere at Fusion Superplex in Nassau, Bahamas.

Joining lead cast members Javien Rankine, Ravyn White, Keara Jones, Shad Ferguson and Zhane'o 'Sarge' Newbold was newcomer to the show Bahamian actress Leah Eneas (Beneath The Blue and Miracle at St. Anna) and creator Stephanie Nihon. Nihon revealed she had wanted to do something to celebrate the show's success for some time but with COVID restrictions in The Bahamas, they had to wait.

"To see so many come out and celebrate something that started off as an idea and is now the first show of it's kind with an all Bahamian cast and crew on national television is tremendous," she said. "I am

so grateful to everyone who has worked to make this happen especially Movi Group as well as Bahamas Artist Movement."

The show had initially been shared on Cable Bahamas and YouTube. Now, there is interest from international entities to have it placed on their platforms. Nihon said the opportunity to go international will give Bahamian talents the opportunity to realize their film industry dreams.

"We recently held auditions for our next batch of actors for the show and it was incredible to see how many people showed up," said Nihon. "The Caribbean is a hotbed for undiscovered talent and we are excited to give them a platform to help nurture that talent so that they can take the leap internationally."

She gave an example of Javien Rankine, one of the lead child actors from Goombay Kids scoring



Javien Rankine, Ravyn White, Keara Jones, the child stars of Goombay Kids on their first red carpet with new cast member Leah Eneas.

(Photos: Allan Clare)

a principal role in *Mighty Express* Season 2 on Netflix.

The event was a star-studded affair attended by Bahamas Film Commissioner Clarence Rolle, models, beauty queens, comedians, members of corporate Bahamas, as well as international industry professionals.

"So many who attended reiterated that this felt like a celebration of Bahamian youth and culture, not just a screening," Nihon added. "This new season, which officially premieres October 18 on the OurTV Network, will be our biggest and most exciting yet, with an all Bahamian film crew of 45, cast of 86, 22 locations, 5 screenwriters, 12 sponsors, a remastered theme song and an incredible collaborative effort of costume and set design on a series

that continues to make history. Never before has young Bahamian talent been showcased onscreen to this magnitude. And the opportunities it is providing our kids as well as teaching education through entertainment has been so inspiring and powerful."

Among the directors for season three is Lanthro Munroe, a Bahamian-American known for his work with several major studios in the Atlanta area.

In this new season, viewers can expect to explore with three Bahamian children as they go on epic adventures throughout the islands of The Bahamas, learning the legend of Junkanoo, encountering pirates in the 1700s, attending cultural camp Goombay and discovering the lost city of Atlantis.

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Leslie Ellis Tynes, Stephanie Nihon (creator) and Rowena Sutherland, producers of *Goombay Kids* on the red carpet. (Photos: Allan Clare)

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