

CMEx Announces Additional 2025 Leadership Award Honorees

SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ, UNITED STATES, September 16, 2025 / EINPresswire.com/ -- The Caribbean Media Exchange (CMEx) has finalized the lineup of honorees for the 2025 CMEx Leadership Awards, adding three distinguished leaders from Aruba, Martinique, and Puerto Rico to an already impressive roster of visionaries whose work has elevated the Caribbean's global profile and strengthened its communities.

The newly named recipients are Carole Alexis, internationally acclaimed choreographer, artistic director, and Knight of the Order of the Arts and



From left to right: Carole Alexis of Martinique, Ronella Croes of Aruba, and Clarisa Jiménez of Puerto Rico — newly named honorees for the 2025 CMEx Leadership Awards.

Letters from Martinique; Ronella Croes, Chief Executive Officer of the Aruba Tourism Authority; and Clarisa Jiménez, President and CEO of the Puerto Rico Hotel & Tourism Association (PRHTA).

This year's honorees also include:

Dave Chang – Senior Vice President, Consumer Sales and Contact Centers, Carnival Cruise Line May-Ling Chun – Director of Tourism, St. Maarten
Laura Davidson – CEO/Founder, LDPR
Muryad de Bruin – Managing Director, Curação Tourist Board
Cathleen Decker – Co-founder, The Decker/Royal Agency

Loreto Duffy-Mayers – Tourism and Sustainability Expert, Barbados

Monique Hamaty-Simmonds – Executive Director, Tortuga Rum Company Ltd., Cayman Islands Luce Hodge-Smith – Junior Minister of Tourism, British Virgin Islands

Janelle Hopkin – President and Managing Director, Spice Island Beach Resort, Grenada Vonulrick "Von" Martin – Broadcaster, Producer & Dean, Caribbeana Communications Inc. Shomari Scott – Chief Business Officer, Health City Cayman Islands Marcus Simmonds – Chief Executive Officer, Tortuga International Holdings Ltd., Cayman Islands

"These exceptional honorees embody the spirit of leadership, innovation and service that defines the best of the Caribbean," said Bevan Springer, President of CMEx. "From tourism and business to culture and community development, their impact has been profound, and we are proud to recognize their contributions at this year's awards."

The CMEx Leadership Awards celebrate laureates whose work spans hospitality, cruise tourism, medical tourism, destination marketing, sustainable development, media and public relations. The luncheon will bring together tourism stakeholders, business leaders, media professionals, and community advocates for an afternoon of celebration, networking, and a shared commitment to a thriving Caribbean future.

The CMEx Leadership Awards is sponsored by Carnival Corporation & plc, Chukka Caribbean Adventures, and Nassau & Paradise Island Promotion Board.

Proceeds will support educational initiatives that empower Caribbean youth and tourism professionals.

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