

'Panman' movie stars in NY movie festival

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THE PANMAN, a movie filmed in Trinidad and released in 1997, has been selected as one of the features of the International Independent Film and Video Festival in New York in September and in Los Angeles in November.

The opening event for the New York festival will be held at Madison Square Garden on September 7, and will attract an expected 20,000 representatives of the media and the film industry from all over the world.

The Panman was produced by Kamalo Deen for a New York-based film company, called Pempaleh International.

It tells the story of a young man named Paul Ambrose (Adrian Reyes) who, having lost his mother at age six, was raised by his father, a respected high school principal.

Under the care of his father, Paul grew to be a multi-talented young man who delighted in playing the pan. He is granted a scholarship to attend university, but questions it.

Against his father's wishes, he decides to give up the scholarship to someone who he thinks is more deserving and leaves home to search for the focus of his life.

He then travels throughout the country, working at various jobs.

Eventually, one job takes him to Tobago, where he meets an old panman, Titus (Carl Puckerin), who has devoted his life to the pan.

Paul is invited to stay with Titus and

time in the panned with the old man, learning about the instrument.

However, a fire in the panned takes the life of Titus and Stella and, once more, Paul is set adrift.

He finds himself back in Port-of-Spain, and gets himself in several spins before he realises his true calling.

He decides to return to Tobago, rebuild the panned and continue the work of Titus, the old panman.

During its run here in 1997, the movie failed to attract large numbers of patrons to the cinemas and, at times, there were as few as three people at a showing.

Although disappointed with the turnout locally, Deen was pleased with the response the movie was getting across North America and other countries in which it was shown.

The soundtrack of *The Panman* features the music of George Victory and Jit Samaroo.