

'Ninth Floor' screening at UWI

THE award-winning film *Ninth Floor*, a documentary produced by TT-born, Canada-based Selwyn Jacob, will make its cinematic return to Trinidad this month at The University of the West Indies (The UWI), St Augustine.

The free screening is presented by the trinidad+tobago film festival (ttff) in partnership with the Department of Cultural Studies, The UWI.

Described as addressing "the most dramatic and violent racial conflict in modern Canadian history"

by povmagazine.com, *Ninth Floor* examines the Sir George Williams University riot of February 1969, when six Caribbean students mounted a protest against institutional racism.

It would snowball into 14 days of chaos and violence, with riot

police storming the occupied ninth floor, and a storm of computer cards raining down onto the streets below.

The film—which uses never-before-seen footage of the students' protest and occupation of the ninth floor computer room, as well as interviews

with several of the students involved—was chosen as one of Canada's top ten films by the Toronto International Film Festival in 2016.

Directed by independent filmmaker Mina Shum, *Ninth Floor* screens on Thursday, July 20, at 5.30 p.m. at the Centre for Language Learning at The UWI, St Augustine. It is rated 14+.

Selwyn Jacob will be present for a Q&A session after the film. His trip to Trinidad and the screening of the film have been facilitated by the National Film Board of Canada and is supported by the Mausica Teachers College Alumni, of which Jacob is a member.



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