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David Dabydeen continues to shine



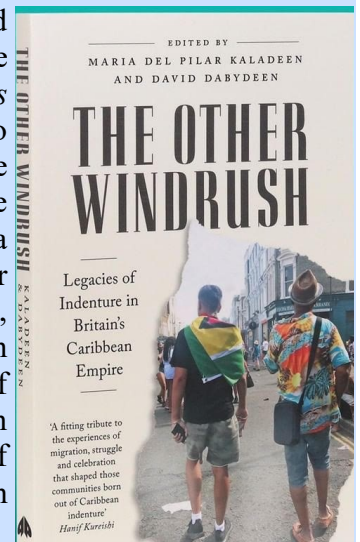
Our 2008 Laureate in Arts & Letters, Prof David Dabydeen of Guyana, has recently recorded two significant achievements. He been named an Honorary Fellow of Selwyn College, Cambridge University, and he has co-edited, with Maria Kaladeen, *The Other Windrush*, a book on immigrants from the Caribbean of Indian and Chinese origin who were part of the Windrush generation, and whose presence and contributions have been overlooked in scholarly work on this generation.

Prof Dabydeen was born in Guyana and migrated to the UK at an early age. He graduated from Cambridge, and had significant achievements as a poet and a novelist and was named a member of the Royal Society for Literature. He was a Professor at Warwick University and Guyana's ambassador to China. He is now director of the Ameena Gafoor centre for the study of Indenture and its legacies.

Prof Dabydeen was awarded the Arts & Letters prize of the Anthony N Sabga Awards for

Excellence in 2008. Since then he has continued to work as an academic, a creative writer, and an ambassador for Guyana.

Some of his better-known works include *Hogarth's Blacks*, a scholarly work on the representation of Africans by the eighteenth century British artist William Hogarth, and a novel set in the period, *A Harlot's Progress*. He has also won the Guyana prize for literature. He intends to establish a chair at Cambridge for Indenture studies, which is an understudied area of the Caribbean experience, part of which is explored in *The Other Windrush*.



Laureates at work



Our 2021 co-Laureate in Arts & Letters, **Maria Nunes of Trinidad & Tobago** was recently part of a collaboration to produce a steelpan video, *My Home*, which premiered on Independence Day (August 31) in Trinidad.

Ms Nunes has done much work in documenting the culture of Trinidad and Tobago and this musical venture was done with musician Etienne Charles and composer Mark Loquan. The video was shot in the US and Trinidad and Tobago and she was responsible for the photography and videography in Trinidad.

My Home is a five-minute musical piece which is available on YouTube. It can be viewed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0mcaCDzPI_M&list=RD0mcaCDzPI_M&index=1 (Copy and paste link into your browser.)

Our 2021 Laureate in Entrepreneurship, **Dr Guna Muppuri** of Jamaica, will be conferred with a Jamaican national award. The award is, the Order of Distinction (OD), Officer Class, for service in the fields of Medicine, Pharmaceuticals and Community Service. It will be presented at that country's national awards ceremony in October.

Dr Muppuri is CEO of the multinational Bioprist Group. He began his career in public service when he worked to make generic pharmaceuticals to treat common ailments available at affordable prices for the average person in Jamaica.

He subsequently branched into rehabilitating abandoned commercial infrastructure and converting them into offshore medical schools and knowledge parks. He is also known for his philanthropic work which includes provision of free medicine and scholarships to less fortunate communities. Dr Muppuri emigrated to Jamaica in 1992 from India, and has been honoured by both countries for his philanthropy and public service.

