## **MEDIA RELEASE**

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES, ST. AUGUSTINE Faculty of Humanities and Education

Department of Creative and Festival Arts

**Presents** 

## "Nation Dance"

March 16 - April 1, 2012

Performances are <u>FREE</u> EXCEPT THE 2 SHOWS AT DCFA UWI

March 16 - Naparima Hill, San Fernando

March 18 - Temple in the Sea Grounds, Waterloo

March 24 - Golden Lane, Tobago

March 30 - Calvary Hill, Arima

March 23 - Desperadoes Steel Orchestra, Laventille

March 25 - Pembroke Heritage Park, Tobago

March 31 - DCFA, UWI - Adults \$50, UWI students \$30, children \$20 April 1 - DCFA, UWI - Adults \$50, UWI students \$30, children \$20

Department of Creative and Festival Arts (DCFA), Faculty of Humanities and Education, The University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine, will host the annual student theatrical production on the weekends of March 16 – April 1, 2012. Continuing in the twenty-five year tradition of the Department, this year's Production II class will mount "Nation Dance". This is a unique performance, unlike any that has been birthed at the DCFA and is a collaborative production between Department of Creative and Festival Arts and various communities in Trinidad and Tobago, in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Independence and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of DCFA.

"Nation Dance" is a pilgrimage to sites where communities have made sacred investment to Trinidad and Tobago. DCFA will be partnering with Elders' Council of the Warao, Karina Community of Arima, Hindu Prachar Kendra of Chaguanas, Culture and Community Development and Division of Culture- Tobago House of Assembly, Northwest Laventille Cultural Performers and Desperadoes Steel Orchestra.

These DCFA student productions have served as a foundation for some of our nation's most visible and ingenious cultural talents. Fresh faces will be introduced this year and they will no doubt have a positive effect on the artist landscape of the nation.

All are invited to participate in this commemoration of the nation's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Performances will take place at Naparima Hill – San Fernando, Temple in the Sea Grounds - Waterloo, Desperadoes Pan Theatre - Laventille, Golden Lane and Pembroke Heritage Park - Tobago, Calvary Hill – Arima and DCFA - UWI St Augustine. For further information please contact DCFA offices at 663-2222/ 662-2002 ext. 82510 or email Marissa.Brooks@sta.uwi.edu.