



NATASHA KNOPPEL ART GALLERIES  
presents:

# BENEDICTION IV

MIGHTY ECHO OF THE AMAZON RAINFOREST  
*Revelations of the Guianas*

Suriname 🌀 Guyana 🌀 French Guiana



## EVENT DETAILS

***Benedictio IV: Mighty echo of the Amazon rainforest – revelations of the Guianas*** , as the title implies, focuses on the Amazon rainforest of the Guianas. This multimedia art exhibition showcases distinctive art from 17 top and promising artists from the Guianas and three special guest artists from the Netherlands and Switzerland. Within the exhibition context, the various artistic perspectives and visions on the theme of the Amazon rainforest are presented.

The exhibition is introduced by Dutch stencil king Hugo Kaagman's exclusive Amazone Blue Mural, the symbiosis between Dutch cultural heritage - Delfts Blue- and the spirit of the Amazon rainforest. Through the multimedia artworks, accompanying audio podcast tour, the virtual reality experience walk and canoe trip through the Amazon rainforest, the photographic installation outlining the relationship between 1) the indigenous people and the rainforest and 2) the controversial gold mining issue, expert lectures on Fridays and the Benedictio IV educational project book the visitor is informed about the importance and necessity of preserving and protecting the Amazon rainforest, its biodiversity and indigenous peoples.

### Artists:

Jose Legrand | Fabrice Loval | Roseman Robinot | Thierry Tian-Sio-Po | Stanley Greaves | Jules Chin A Foeng | Leo Wong Loi Sing | Isan Corinde | Armand Baag | Ray Daal | Kenneth Beeker | George Simon | Bernadette Persaud | Desmond Alli | Merlene Ellis | Nora Papp | Herman van Bergen | Ed Hart | Ron Flu | Hugo Kaagman

10% of the proceeds of the Benedictio IV will be donated to the OIS  
(Organization of Indigenous People in Suriname)





**20 ARTISTS**

**5 COUNTRIES**

**50 ARTWORKS**

**45 MINUTES AUDIO PODCAST TOUR**

**25 MINUTES PHOTOGRAPHIC INSTALLATION**

**VR EXPERIENCE WALK THROUGH THE  
AMAZON RAINFOREST**

**EXCLUSIVE PHOTOS FROM THE  
INLAND OF SURINAM**

**LECTURES ON FRIDAY NIGHTS**

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>closed</b>	<b>Prinsenkwartier</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11:00-17:00</b>	<b>Sint Agathaplein 4</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11:00-17:00</b>	<b>Delft</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11:00-17:00</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11:00-17:00</b>	<b>4/9/2020</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11:00-17:00</b>	<b>t/m</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00-17:00</b>	<b>30/11/2020</b>

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## **Benedictio IV**

Mighty echo of the Amazon rainforest - revelations of the Guianas



Fabrice Loyal

4/9/2020 t/m 31/10/2020

Di t/m Zo 11:00-17:00

**Prinsenkwartier  
Sint Agathaplein 4  
Delft**

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Discover the Amazon rainforest with art from Surinam, French Guyana and Guyana.

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# Benedictio IV lecture program

## Prinsenkwartier

September 11th starting 20.00 hrs: Guyana, land of six people

### **Art movements (1930-1950) in Guyana**

#### **Mr. Stanley Greaves (USA)**

Mr. Greaves is a multiple international award winning painter, sculptor, poet and writer of Guyanese descent, who is considered to be one of the Caribbeans's most distinguished and versatile artists.

### **The indigenous Lokono movement in Guyana**

#### **Video featuring mr. George Simon (Spain)**

A pioneering Lokono Arawak visual artist and archaeologist from Guyana, mr. George Simon is the founder and mentor of the Lokono Artists Movement and of the Moving Circle of Artists. Mr. George Simon is the recipient of -among other awards- GCA's 2017 Lifetime Award in recognition of his substantial contributions to Guyanese art and archeology.

### **The rainforest as an inspiration to Guyanese artists**

#### **Mr. Ohene Koama (Guyana)**

Mr. Ohene Koama is the art curator (ag) at the National Art Gallery of Art Castellani House in Georgetown, Guyana. Mr. Ohene is an artist and a chosen mentor for selected artists in the Caribbean as a part of the IFLE (Integrate French as a Language for Exchange) Caricom programme.

September 18th starting 20.00 hrs

### **Linking sustainability and tourism as a new development strategy for the Guianas**

#### **Ambassador Henry MacDonald (Surinam)**

MacDonald, a career diplomat, is a trained lawyer and holds several degrees from universities in Suriname, Belgium, the United States and the Netherlands. He has represented Suriname at the OAS, UNASUR, OIC and other multilateral bodies. While serving as Suriname's ambassador to the UN in New York, Macdonald was also chairperson of the CARICOM Caucus of Ambassadors to the United Nations. He was a vice president of the 65th General Assembly and also the chairperson of the UN Third Committee, the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee for the 67th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. Macdonald is the former ambassador of Surinam twice accredited to the UN.

September 25th starting 20.00 hrs

### **Climate change through the eyes of the Trio indigenous people in Suriname**

#### **Dr. Gwendolyn Smith (USA)**

Dr. Smith, executive director of the NGO Perspectives of Freedom Foundation is a scholar and practitioner in the nexus of conflict, environment and development in Latin America and the Caribbean. For her co-written book "Conflict and Sustainability in a Changing Environment, Through the Eyes of Communities" she received the Hawkes & Collins Literary Prize.

October 9th starting 20.00 hrs

### **Will the Amazon rainforest survive climate change?**

#### **Prof. dr. Ir. H.W. J. Russchenberg (Netherlands)**

Professor in Atmospheric Remote Sensing and head of the Department of Geoscience and Remote Sensing of the Technical University of Delft. He is also the Director of the TU Delft Climate Institute.

October 16th starting 20.00 hrs

### **Reviving Hydroponics in a Hybrid form for sustainable development of the indigenous people**

#### **Drs. Ing. Revinh A. Ramnandanlall (Surinam)**

Mr. Revinh A. Ramnandanlall is an environmental scientist, specialized in change management, strategic management and business-to-society management. He is also on the board of advisory for environmental science department at the Anton de Kom University in Paramaribo and owner of B4Agro&Food Systems (B4AFS) in Suriname. With B4AFS his team developed the Hybrid Hydroponics systems and conducts training and installations to grow vegetables all over Suriname, even deep in the rainforest