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**Outstanding Haitian-Americans Recognized as Forces of Change**

*The Haitian Roundtable Announces  
1804 List of “Changemakers” and “Ones to Watch” in the United States*

**New York, NY – May 18, 2016** – In commemoration of Haitian Flag Day, the Haitian Roundtable has announced today the 2016 inductees to the **1804 List of Haitian-American Changemakers and Ones To Watch**. Named in honor of Haiti’s year of independence, the 1804 List recognizes 30 Haitian-Americans who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and success in their profession, have been proven forces for change, and have helped to create a better understanding of Haiti and the Haitian community. The 1804 List, established in 2012 by the Haitian Roundtable, has recognized over 120 Haitian-Americans in the United States.

For the first time in the history of the 1804 List, the Haitian Roundtable will present the *Catherine Flon Award* in honor of the heroic woman who sewed the Haitian flag and is regarded as one of the most important symbols of the Haitian Revolution. The inaugural recipient of the *Catherine Flon Award* is the legendary performing artist **Emeline Michel**.

The inductees were selected from nominations following a nationwide call for candidates. A recognition ceremony and reception will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 6:00PM-11:00PM at My Image Studios in New York City.

**Changemakers**

**Karen Andre**, White House Liaison, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Natasha Archer**, Pediatric Hematologist, Boston Children’s Hospital

**Eddy Bayardelle**, President, Bronx Community College Foundation

**Carmelle Bellefleur**, Founder and Vice President, Promoting Health in Haiti

**Patricia Brintle**, CEO, From Here To Haiti

**Alix Cantave**, Program Officer for Haiti, W.K. Kellogg Foundation

**Karen Civil**, CEO, Always Civil Enterprises

**Cliff Decatrel**, Head of Multi-Cultural Advertising Sales, Cablevision Media Sales

**Reginald DesRoches**, Chair and Professor, School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, George Institute of Technology

**Astrid Desrosiers**, Assistant Professor in Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School

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**Hans P. Domercant**, President, Motion Picture Association of Haiti  
**Vladimir Duthiers**, Correspondent, CBS News  
**Fritz Francois**, Chief Medical Officer, NYU Langone Medical Center  
**Sydney Guillaume**, Composer and Conductor  
**Vicky Jeudy**, Actress, Orange Is The New Black  
**Carl-Philippe Juste**, Photojournalist, The Miami Herald  
**Charlot Lucien**, Senior Contract Manager, Massachusetts Department of Public Health  
**Jean Monestime**, Chairman, Miami-Dade County Commission  
**Henry R. Paul**, Founder, National Association For the Advancement of Haitians-NY  
**Saurel Quettan**, President, Georgia Haitian-American Chamber of Commerce  
**Mona Rigaud**, Chief of Pediatrics, NYU Lutheran Medical Center  
**Fred Seraphin**, County Judge, Miami-Dade, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Christine Souffrant**, Entrepreneur and Founder, Vendedy  
**Sandra St. Fleur**, Director of Strategic Talent, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
**C. Reynold Verret**, President, Xavier University of Louisiana

#### **Ones To Watch**

**Michael Brun**, DJ, Producer and Founder, Kid Coconut Records  
**Lionel Moise**, Co-Author, CBS 2 Chicago  
**Nancy Morisseau**, Founding Member, Haitian-American Lawyers Association-NY  
**Rachelle Salnave**, Filmmaker, Producer and Director, La Belle Vie: The Good Life  
**Doreen St. Felix**, Journalist and Writer, MTV News

#### **About The Haitian Roundtable**

The Haitian Roundtable, founded in New York in 2008, is an organization of Haitian-American professionals who are committed to civic engagement as well as philanthropic endeavors benefiting Haiti, Haitian organizations and causes. The organization seeks to heighten the awareness among key stakeholders of Haitians as an emerging constituency, and to promote Haiti as a positive brand. For more information, please visit [www.thehaitianroundtable.org](http://www.thehaitianroundtable.org)

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