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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, 11th 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 Moïse, Co-Anchor, 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

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