

November 6th, 2023

The Board of Management
The National Cultural Foundation
West Terrace
St. James

Dear Members of the Board,

DISQUALIFICATION OF THE 'SPEAK LIFE' NIFCA ENTRY.

This letter serves as my complaint of discriminatory action by the National Cultural Foundation in their disqualification of the dramatic presentation by the Praise Academy of Dance entitled "Speak Life" (presented at the NIFCA Preliminaries on October 27th, 2023) on the grounds that the piece was "in excess of the bounds of good taste" and that it denounced a particular group.

I believe that no one should be discriminated against because of their religious or moral beliefs, and that no artiste, should be penalized for creating art that is consistent with their beliefs.

I therefore call upon the NCF to reverse this disqualification of the "Speak Life" dramatic piece by our young artistes since I consider that this action has violated the constitutionally guaranteed rights of freedom of conscience as well as the freedom of expression of all participants of the "Speak Life" theatrical presentation.

Thanks for your attention to the matter of this letter.

Yours sincerely,