

## Commissioner Mr. John Arnold

Mr. John Arnold holds a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Management from the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine; a Professional Certificate in Event Management from the George Washington University; a Certificate in Hospitality Sales and Marketing from the American Hotel and Motel Association; a certificate in Harmony and Arrangement from Berklee College of Music, Boston; an Executive M.B.A from the Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business, U.W.I. and currently a DBA student at Arthur Lok Jack. Mr. Arnold is currently the Chairman of the MusicTT Board and a Director on the Creative TT Board. He served as an Event Coordinator for the Tourism Division, THA for over thirteen (13) years, the President of Music Copyright Organization of Trinidad and Tobago, and the Executive Chairman of Shaw Park Complex, Tobago. He previously taught Business and Accounting at Signal Hill Secondary School for over twenty-three years, served as Musical Director for the National Contingent to Carifesta on three occasions within the last two decades.

Mr. Arnold is an accomplished pianist. He was instrumental in establishing many of the events initiated by the Division of Tourism and Transportation, Tobago House of Assembly. These include the Tobago Jazz Festival, Tobago Muhtadi International Drumming Festival, Tobago Gospel Festival, and the Tobago Jazz Experience. He has also coordinated international meetings and coordinated Tourism Promotional Tours to Latin America, Europe, Asia and North America. He is the founder and musical director of the illustrious Signal Hill Alumni Choir and the leader of Tobago's only Jazz ensemble the Kariwak Players. His accolades include a Cacique Award for musical direction of Bassman, a NY Sunshine Award for Excellence in Music and Culture and the IRAWMA award for his contribution to Caribbean. Mr. Arnold was awarded the Hummingbird Medal Gold for his work in culture. He has immense experience working in Culture, Education, Event Management and Tourism.