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## Hollywood Legend Robert Townsend Hosts Free Masterclass in St. Thomas

**Award-winning filmmaker Robert Townsend brings his expertise to St. Thomas with a free Acting, Directing & Writing Masterclass on November 23, offering aspiring creatives invaluable insights into the entertainment industry**

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**Robert Townsend.**

Renowned filmmaker, actor, and writer Robert Townsend will bring his expertise to the wider Virgin Islands community on Saturday, November 23, 2024. Townsend, [who has been imparting knowledge into the local youth this week](#), is known for his groundbreaking work in Hollywood. He will conduct a free, in-person Acting, Directing & Writing Masterclass at the Ivanna Eudora

Kean High School Library. The event is scheduled to take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hosted by Virgin Islands United, the three-hour masterclass offers participants the chance to learn from one of the entertainment industry's most accomplished figures. Townsend's extensive career includes iconic films like *The Five Heartbeats* and *Hollywood Shuffle*, the cult classic *Meteor Man*, and television productions such as *B.A.P.S.* and *Power Book IV: Force*. Most recently, he has been recognized for his contributions to the award-winning series *The Bear*.

During the session, Townsend will share practical advice and insights on acting, directing, and screenwriting, aimed at helping attendees hone their craft and elevate their skills. The event is free of charge, but space is limited, and prior [registration](#) is required to secure a spot.

Hailing from Chicago, Illinois, Townsend's influence on Hollywood spans decades. He broke barriers with his innovative storytelling and dedication to portraying authentic Black experiences on screen. His 1987 film *Hollywood Shuffle*, which he wrote, directed, and financed independently, remains a seminal work that critiques Hollywood's stereotypes of African Americans.

Townsend's impact extends beyond filmmaking. As a mentor and advocate for young creatives, he continues to inspire new generations of artists with his commitment to the craft and his belief in the transformative power of storytelling.

### **Event Information**

The masterclass will take place at:  
Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Library  
1 & 2 Estate Nazareth, Red Hook, St. Thomas 00802

This unique event is open to actors, directors, writers, and anyone passionate about the arts. Whether attendees are beginners or seasoned creatives, Townsend's masterclass promises to provide valuable insights into navigating the entertainment industry.

Registration is required to attend this free event. For additional details and to secure your spot, visit [Virgin Islands United](#).