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Critically Acclaimed Virgin Islands Film “FALL” Premieres Digitally Tonight, Empowering Youth Through Film Over Gun Violence Initiative

The award-winning Virgin Islands film “FALL,” produced by Blue Tarp Productions in partnership with CFEG and CMCArts, premieres tonight, Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. on Vimeo, supporting the Film Over Gun Violence program for youth empowerment.

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A scene from “FALL,” the award-winning VI film premiering tonight at 7:30 p.m. on Vimeo. The film anchors the Film Over Gun Violence initiative, using storytelling to inspire youth and raise awareness about gun violence. By. BLUE TARP PRODUCTIONS.

The powerful and deeply human Virgin Islands film “FALL” [premieres digitally tonight](#), Sunday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. on Vimeo, extending its reach to audiences across the territory, the diaspora, and beyond.

More than a film, “FALL” serves as the flagship project of the Film Over Gun Violence (FOGV) initiative, a transformative program spearheaded by the Center for Educational Growth, Inc. (CFEG). The initiative empowers young Virgin Islanders through filmmaking, using art and storytelling as positive tools for self-expression and social change.

Produced by Blue Tarp Productions in collaboration with CFEG and CMCArts, “FALL” has received international acclaim, earning six festival nominations and winning Best International Film at the Urban Film Festival and Best Caribbean Film at the IBDF Film Festival.

DISHAN BATES NQUELLE GOLDEN SHAKEMA BASTIA
TYRESHA STAPLETON LEYTON JACOBS JAHSANI FAN

FALL

A STORY BY ANGELINA LANG



“FALL” captures the realities of life in the U.S. Virgin Islands, exploring the difficult choices individuals face within families and communities. The film delves into the pressures that can lead to violence while illuminating the resilience and humanity that endure amid adversity.

According to its producers, the film’s storytelling acts as “a mirror to real life,” sparking essential conversations about how social, economic, and emotional pressures can lead to destructive paths — and how art can inspire healing and transformation.

At the heart of the “FALL” project lies the Film Over Gun Violence (FOGV) program — a hands-on educational and creative platform for USVI youth ages 13 to 28, designed to shift focus from violence to artistry.

The program offers participants:

- Humanities Education and Civic Research – teaching youth to understand and analyze the root causes and social consequences of gun violence.
- Film Production Training – guiding them through the complete filmmaking process, including scriptwriting, directing, cinematography, and sound engineering.

“Our mission with FOGV is clear: to ‘change the scene’ by directing youth away from gun violence to the act of filmmaking. Every film we create, starting with ‘FALL,’ is a testament to the power of art to heal, educate, and offer a brighter path forward for our young people,” stated the Center for Educational Growth.

The production of “FALL” brought together a network of local and regional talent, supported by strong community partnerships.

Blue Tarp Productions served as the film’s creative force, dedicated to producing authentic Caribbean stories and promoting local talent both in front of and behind the camera.



CMCArts contributed to the project’s artistic development, continuing its mission to strengthen cultural expression throughout the Virgin Islands.

The CFEG — which also operates a virtual educational program for USVI youth — led the FOGV initiative as part of its mission to provide young people with meaningful educational and developmental opportunities.

The “FALL” cast and crew dedicated months to bringing the story to life, a commitment its producers describe as a labor of love and purpose.

Crew:

George Cannon – Film Director and Co-founder

Angelina Lang – Writer

Kevin Moolenaar – Director of Photography

Malik Gomes – Key Grip and Gaffer

Diana Dias – Production Manager and Co-founder

Justin Hodge – Sound Engineer

Sansara Cannon – Executive Producer and Co-founder

Sayeeda Carter – Acting Coach; Act Out Ensemble

Cast:

Dishan Bates – Jah

N'Quelle Golden – Isis

Shakema Bastian – Ms. Richards

Jhquone Francis – Mikey

Tyresha Stapleton – Maya

Leyton Jacobs – Jaden

Jahsani Francis – Saki

Uriah Chitolie – Luriah

A Call to Action: Watch, Support, and Inspire Change

Tonight's digital premiere marks not only the film's artistic arrival but also an invitation to take part in the fight against violence.

Renting "FALL" for \$4.99 on Vimeo directly supports the Film Over Gun Violence Program, providing essential funding for education, mentorship, and youth filmmaking projects in the Virgin Islands.

"We call on our fellow Virgin Islanders, our diaspora around the world, and every supporter of indie film and social change, to join us. Together, we can ensure that storytelling remains our legacy and birthright, inspiring change and building a stronger, safer community for all," said Blue Tarp Productions.

How to Watch and Support

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What: Digital Premiere of "FALL"

- When: Sunday, October 19, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. AST
 - Where: Exclusively on Vimeo
 - Rental Price: \$4.99
 - Link: <https://fogv.vhx.tv>
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Blue Tarp Productions – A U.S. Virgin Islands-based film company committed to creating compelling Caribbean narratives and showcasing local talent.

The Center for Educational Growth, Inc. (CFEG) – A non-profit organization providing youth-focused educational programs, including the Film Over Gun Violence initiative.

CMCArts – A USVI community arts organization devoted to enriching the territory's cultural and

artistic landscape.

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