

CTO awardee says government should promote heritage



The Caribbean Tourism Organisation's (CTO) Lifetime Achievement Award winner for 2017, Patrick Baucelin

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The Caribbean Tourism Organisation's (CTO) Lifetime Achievement Award winner for 2017 believes that tourism officials in Antigua and Barbuda should focus on promoting the country's heritage and culture.

Patrick Baucelin, who is the director and producer of the documentary 'Secrets of the Caribbean Fortresses Part 2', said that while "everywhere has sand and beaches" the country's culture is a unique selling point.

Baucelin's latest documentary highlights fortresses across the region, including Fort Barrington, Fort Shirley,

Fort James and Nelson's Dockyard.

He describes the film as a presentation of the history of the various forts in the region.

He is calling for the government to not only protect the country's fortresses but to also preserve them.

"It's very important to protect the fortresses for young people and people in general," he said. "For example, when I present my documentary, people like the fortresses and the islands... people like heritage."

He said that while he has visited several historically significant places across the region, "the Nelson's Dockyard is unique," a quality that he attributes to the style of the buildings.

The CTO said that Martinique-born Baucelin received the award for distinguishing himself as an author, producer and director, with documentaries that show his "deep commitment to his native island as he shares his personal and authentic perspective."

The awardee has also received several U.S. awards for his work over the years.

The documentary will be aired at the Antigua and Barbuda Museum at the end of January.