

# Celebrating OUR CANADIAN HISTORY

**Harry Gairey**, a Civil Rights Activist, helped organize the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, which obtained changes within the Canadian Pacific Railroad (CPR) that allowed for black porters to be treated and promoted fairly. Gairey became a leading crusader against discrimination, helping to organize the Negro Citizenship Association in the 1950s, and worked for changes to Canada's immigration laws.



**Dr. Avis Glaze** is an acclaimed international educator. A highly respected leader and mentor to many Ontario educators, Dr. Glaze has worked in several school districts, both rural and urban, and has been a supervisory officer and director of education in both public and Catholic school boards. She knows education systems across the world firsthand and has been asked to work with educators in many countries.



**Chloe Cooley** was an enslaved black woman in Queenston, Upper Canada who resisted being sold and transported to the United States. She was the catalyst for Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe to introduce the 1793 Act to Limit Slavery in Upper Canada. The act prohibited the importation of enslaved people into Upper Canada and allowed the gradual abolition of slavery. It was the first legislation in the British Empire limiting enslavement and set the stage for the beginnings of the Underground Railroad.



**Cameron Bailey** is the Artistic Director of the world renowned Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), a Film Programmer, Film Critic, and a modern day cultural philosopher. Born in London, Bailey grew up in England and Barbados before immigrating to Canada at the age of 12. Bailey has held positions as a curator, a journalist and a writer.

**Shad** is a critically-acclaimed, Juno Award winning artist. Born in Kenya, of Rwandan parents, Shad was raised in London, Ontario. He began rapping at the age of 14. His debut album, *When This Is Over* (2005) was self-made, financed with prize money he won in a talent contest while he was an undergraduate student at Wilfrid Laurier University. In 2011, he won the Juno Award for Rap Recording of the Year. Shad's latest album, "Flying Colours", was released in October 2013.



**Charmaine Crooks** is a member of the Order of Canada, a five-time Olympian, Olympic silver medalist and was the Flag Bearer at the Opening Ceremony of the 1996 Olympic Summer Games. Crooks has turned her success on the track into success in the corporate world, running her own sales, promotions and media relations business.

