

# Yemanjá:

## Wisdom from the African Heart of Brazil

Narrated by Alice Walker,  
Pulitzer Prize-winning author

Winner of Five Best Documentary Awards

With a Companion Photography Exhibit  
*Goddesses of Nature*



**Wednesday, February 26, 2020**

**Alumni Auditorium - Champlain College**

**5:30-6:30 pm** - Photo Exhibit and Reception  
with Photographer Gerald Hoffman

**6:45-8:30 pm** - Screening and Q & A  
with Producer/Director Donna C. Roberts and  
Champlain College professor Stephen Wehmeyer

In Celebration of Black History Month

*Yemanjá: Wisdom from the African Heart of Brazil* explores the Afro-Brazilian culture, worldview, and spiritual practice of *Candomblé* through the voices of four dynamic elder women leaders. A powerful legacy of enslaved Africans forced to Brazil during the Trans-Atlantic slave trade, *Candomblé* embodies universal wisdom and values.

The title *Yemanjá* honors the Yoruba/Brazilian Goddess of the oceans and sea, considered sacred in *Candomblé*. Devotees revere elders, ancestors, the natural world, and spiritual forces or guides known as Orixás. Addressing history, social and environmental justice, and the power of faith and community, the film tells a compelling story for our times.

Producer/Director: Donna Carole Roberts  
Associate Director/Editor: Donna Read (Canada)  
Photographer: Gerald Lee Hoffman  
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