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STORIES. IDENTITY. COMMUNITY.

ROOTED IN CULTURE



A documentary photography series honoring the
stories, traditions, and identities of the
Indo-Caribbean community in New York City.

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WHAT IS ROOTED IN CULTURE?

Rooted in Culture is a documentary photography series that highlights the stories, traditions, and identities of the Indo-Caribbean community in New York City.



STORIES

Capturing real people and real moments.



IDENTITY

Exploring heritage, traditions, and what shapes who we are.



COMMUNITY

Building connections and celebrating the beauty of togetherness.



Through portraits and personal stories, this project preserves voices that deserve to be seen, heard, and remembered.

**THIS IS MORE THAN
A SERIES—IT'S OUR
STORIES, TOGETHER.**

WHAT DOES BEING INDO-CARIBBEAN MEAN?

It means carrying the beauty of two worlds—Indian heritage and Caribbean roots—and creating something uniquely our own. It’s our languages, our foods, our traditions, our music, our faith, and our resilience.



HERITAGE

Rooted in history, carrying forward generations of tradition.



IDENTITY

A blend of cultures that shapes who we are.



EXPRESSION

Our music, art, dance, and storytelling speak for us.



FLAVOR

From roti to rice & peas—our food tells our story.



FAITH

Our beliefs guide us and connect us to something greater.



COMMUNITY

Our strength comes from each other.

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*We are more than a mix.
We are connection.
We are culture. We are home.*

THIS SERIES IS ABOUT
CELEBRATING WHAT IT
MEANS TO BE INDO-CARIBBEAN
IN NEW YORK CITY.