



**Maya Wilkinson** is a **Writer, Director** and **Multimedia Artist**.

She was born in Brooklyn, New York, then spent the first three years of her life in Guyana before moving to Jamaica with her mother at the age of four. Maya spent the rest of her childhood and teenage years in Wakefield, Trelawny, graduating from Wakefield Primary School and then from the Montego Bay High School in St. James.

Throughout her primary and high school years, Maya avidly participated in performing and visual arts activities, represented her schools in various competitions and eventually became the President of her high school's Dance & Drama and Visual Arts Clubs.

After leaving Montego Bay High School, Maya attended Berkeley High School in California where she was awarded for Dance and Visual Arts. She then returned to Jamaica to enroll in CARIMAC at the University of the West Indies, Mona. While at the UWI, she joined the University's Dance and Drama Societies and signed up to be a Junior Technician at the Philip Sherlock Centre for the Creative Arts. She also held for two consecutive years, the position of Publications Committee Chairperson of the UWI Mona's Guild of Students. She now holds a Bachelor of Arts in Media & Communication.

Maya has spent most of her creative energies in theatre and has more recently begun exploring film. She is a founding member and the Director of Multimedia at QUILT - a dynamic group of young creative artists who use transformative theatre as a means of tackling and curing social issues. Maya shares the vision of the company in her own career journey as she aims to develop young, talented individuals through various art forms. She is driven by her belief in the importance of storytelling and art as therapy.

Maya has won several awards for playwriting and theatre production in Jamaica. Most recently, she was the producer, writer and director of the critically acclaimed comedic theatrical production, "Heist". This production was nominated for 12 Actor Boy Awards and received the titles of Best Special Effects, Best Sound Design and Best Actor in a Lead Role - Desmond Dennis.