



## Montserrat Volcano Observatory

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### Every Wowlah House

*Montserrat, W.I. – May 7, 2015* – Montserrat residents are in for a treat with the performance of a brand new play from the acclaimed Montserratian writer and director Chadd Cumberbatch. “Every Wowlah House” has been commissioned by Montserrat Volcano Observatory as part of the observance of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the eruption of the Soufrière Hills Volcano and will be performed by a cast drawn from the youth of Montserrat after working together in a theatre workshop. The play, which incorporates a variety of art forms, draws on the experiences of Montserratians who have lived with and dealt with the volcano.

MVO Director, Roderick Stewart, said “we were keen to do something for Montserrat that, for once, was not about the science and the chance to work with Chadd is one that is not to be missed”.

Writer and director Chadd Cumberbatch said “the MVO have been wonderful and supportive partners in a process that started in January. ‘Every Wowlah House’ engages the participants in an organic process to create theatre that encompasses music, movement, mas, art and drama to tell a story”

The production will be staged at Montserrat Cultural Centre on 1 August 2015. Ticket availability will be announced nearer the time.

Support for this production is being provided by Caribbean Helicopters Ltd, LIME and Delta Petroleum.

### **ABOUT MONTSERRAT VOLCANO OBSERVATORY**

The role of Montserrat Volcano Observatory is to monitor the Soufriere Hills Volcano through a combination of techniques, to detect any changes in volcanic activity. Monitoring and research findings are used to provide the Government of Montserrat with regular, timely, impartial advice on volcanic hazards and risks so that appropriate decisions can be made to ensure the safety of residents. The MVO also supports local authorities with public education programs on volcanic hazards and emergency response.