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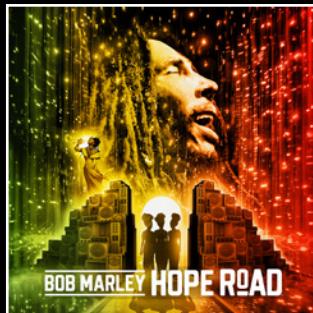
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## IN THE EYE OF THE HURRICANE

As tempting as it is to prompt ChatGPT into writing this editorial, we'll stick to our human resources to look back on 2025 for and with you, dear readers. In far too many other domains, AI has slowly but surely crept up on us, replacing call centre agents, graphic designers, songwriters and, alas, even singers and players of instruments. While this advancing technology is certainly helpful in fields like medicine, research and data processing, we should handle it with care in the creative sector.

Yes, the rapid growth of generative AI tools was certainly one of the prominent features of the last twelve months and heralded winds of change but, as usual, we are more interested in the Reggae side of things here. First of all, there's a Happy Birthday to wish: **Bob Marley** would have turned 80 on February 6th, and in addition to parties around the globe in his honour, the **Bob Marley Hope Road Live Show** was opened in Las Vegas in June.

Another artist that caused quite a stir was **Vybz Kartel**, whose concerts and tours were record-breaking. Let us sweep you off your feet with a little journey back in time, re-visiting the musical highlights of 2025, as you'll find the most important releases, interviews, album reviews and concert reports on the following pages. Which event filled you with a rush of excitement, and which artist has taken your heart by storm?

For our 55 music experts who participated in the ALBUM OF THE YEAR poll, the answer was clear: **Chronixx** received the most votes with the album **Exile**, closely followed by **Lila Iké** and **Keznamdi**. See the results on page 126!

While celebrating new music belongs to the sunny sides of this yearbook, we also had to face some dark clouds, as legends like **Max Romeo**, **Jimmy Cliff**, **Cocoa Tea**, **Vivian Jones** and **Naâman** were laid to rest. Rise in power, ye great souls!

All those storm metaphors lead up to our cover story, simply but powerfully illustrated by the Jamaican Government's official Relief logo. By far the biggest impact in 2025 on the island we love was Hurricane Melissa, wreaking terrible havoc from which the regions affected only slowly recover. But, since the worst circumstances often bring out the best in us, the world stood together to help those in need, as our special feature documents (pages 56-79).

What's left to say now is THANK YOU, dear Reggaeville Family, for your ongoing comments, shares, likes and views. We couldn't do this without you! Now, saddle your stallion and ride into the Year of the Fire Horse like Calamity Jane - happy 2026 to you all!

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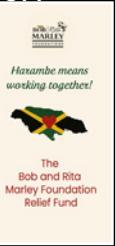
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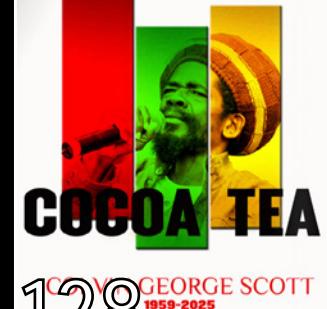
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# HIGHLIGHTS 2025



## LAKE ANTHONY

My highlight in 2025 was being invited by legendary producer **Jimmy Jam** to record on **Tony Robbins'** 100 billion meals project, a global effort to solve the world hunger crisis. They are raising funds to provide 100 billion meals for 300 million starving humans to end world hunger. The song we recorded is like a modern *We Are The World*, an anthem for the project that features some of the greatest artist in the world.

I feel very lucky to have recorded with **Janet Jackson, Stevie Wonder, Sting, Charlie Puth, Dr. Dre, John Legend**, and so many more. And I was honoured that they gave me a full eight bar verse in the song!

Another highlight of my year was watching my career take me to some amazing new places like Warsaw (Poland), where I filmed a commercial and got to explore the historical city!

Watching Hurricane Melissa cause so much destruction in Jamaica really moved me to want to do something to help. So, as the year came to a close, I planned my trip for January to come to Jamaica and donate my time and some money to helping rebuild the country. I'm very grateful that I was able to come visit Saint Elizabeth and meet with survivors from the hurricane and share music, love, and donate to their town.



## CALENDAR OF CORE EVENTS

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<b>06 FEB</b>	Tribute to Bob Concert, 7pm / Emancipation Park
<b>08 FEB</b>	• Grounation - Week 2, 2pm / Institute of JA - Lecture Theatre • Young Reggae Ambassadors, 5pm / Wavz Beach, NEGRIL
<b>10 FEB</b>	MCGES Symposium, 6pm - ERegistry LIVE / MCGES Roof Terrace
<b>15 FEB</b>	• Echoes of Sound System Festival - the Reggae Month Edition 12noon / Mas Camp • Grounation - Week 3, 2pm / Institute of JA - Lecture Theatre
<b>19 FEB</b>	VP Tribute to Beres, 7pm / Emancipation Park
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<b>24 FEB</b>	Tuesday Service, 7:30pm / Ranny Williams Entertainment Centre
<b>25 FEB</b>	• Island Music Conference, 10am / Courtleigh Auditorium • Romeich Games Night, 8pm / Campbells Boulevard
<b>26 FEB</b>	Island Music Conference, 10am / Courtleigh Auditorium
<b>27 FEB</b>	• Island Music Conference, 10am / Courtleigh Auditorium • Reggae Gold Awards Ceremony, 8pm / National Indoor Sports Centre
<b>28 FEB</b>	• Romeich Cooler Event, 8pm / Ranny Williams Ent. Centre • Island Music Conference - 10am / Courtleigh Auditorium
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# JANUARY

# MAGAZINE



## LIKKLE JORDEE INTERVIEW

Island reggae of a different kind: Jordan Jayce Ramirez aka Likkle Jordee is a singer who hails from O'ahu, one of the eight main islands of the Hawaii archipelago. He discovered the Jamaican offbeat in his early teens, meetin...



## PETER TOSH @ REGGAEVILLE YEARBOOK

Happy 2025 to you, beautiful people! And Happy 80th Birthday to... no, we don't mean Bob Marley's anniversary (yet), but give a big shout-out to the late Peter Tosh. Born October 19th 1944, he would have turned 80 last year....



## VYBZ KARTEL - 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY ALBUM

Ahead of the 2025 Grammy Awards this Sunday (February 2, 2025) and on the heels of his first Grammy nomination as well as his historical homecoming concert in Kingston, Vybz Kartel will unleash the Viking (Vybz Is King)..



## YG MARLEY & ALPHA BLONDY @ REGGAE LAND

After a record-breaking edition in 2024, Reggae Land is set to return to The National Bowl in Milton Keynes for a fifth fantastic edition on August 2nd and 3rd 2025. Once again lining up more than 90 artists over two days...



## VYBZ KARTEL CONFIRMED FOR SUMMERJAM

Who will be the „Very Special Guest“ at the Summerjam Festival 2025? For weeks, fans have been speculating who is behind this title and are eagerly awaiting the revelation. It's official: It's none other than the „World Boss“...



## ALBUM REVIEW: LIKKLE JORDEE

With every passing year, the list of reggae artists known to us is growing (as you can see in the increasing number of artist profiles), but there is always room for new names and surprises. One of those is Jordan Jayce Ramirez...

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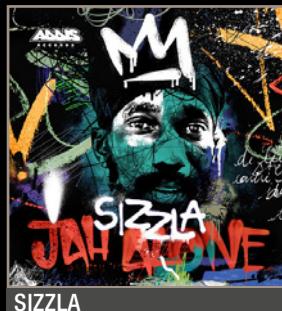


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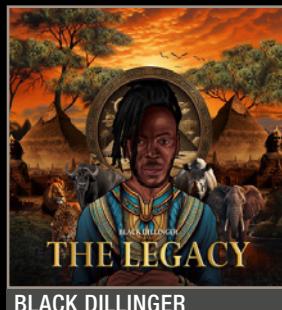
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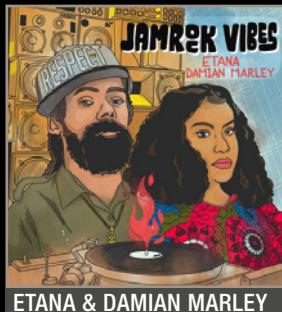
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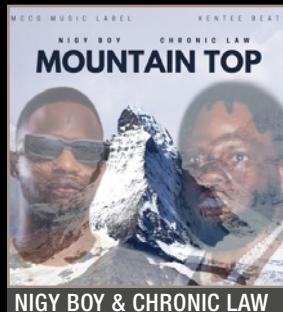
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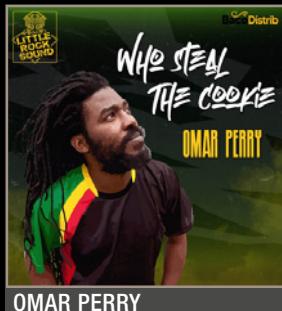
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BERES HAMMOND &amp; BUJU BANTON @ INTIMATE



MAXI PRIEST &amp; JOHNNY OSBOURNE @ REBEL SALUTE

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# HIGHLIGHTS 2025



## MORGAN HERITAGE

Our personal highlight of 2025 has been the year of renewal, healing, and purpose for Morgan Heritage.

After the passing of our beloved brother and lead singer **Peetah Morgan**, this year became about honouring his spirit, while finding the strength to move forward together as a family. One of the most powerful and emotional moments for us was stepping back onto the stage, feeling the energy of the people, and realizing that the music still carries healing. Not just for the audience, but for us as well.

Seeing the next generation step forward, with **Jemere** carrying the mantle with humility and fire, and feeling our sister **Una** return strong, healthy, and present, reminded us that legacy is not something that ends, rather it evolves.

Every show, every prayer backstage, every crowd singing our songs back to us felt like **Peetah** was right there with us.

What touched us most was the love. From fans, from fellow artists, from the global reggae community. 2025 reaffirmed why we do this: to uplift, to unite, and to keep the message alive.

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# FEBRUARY

# MAGAZINE



## LUTAN FYAH INTERVIEW

Without doubt, this man is one of the most hard-working artists in reggae music. Hardly a year passes that Anthony Martin, better known as Lutan Fyah, releases a full album, compilation or EP, not to speak of singles: last year,,,



## BLAIZ FYAH - THE 'SHATTA TING' INTERVIEW

One of France's biggest exports who has defined himself with one of Martinique's biggest music genres is back with a brand-new album. Blaiz Fayah is arguably the king of the Shatta sound, having released countless hit tracks.



## ALBUM REVIEW: ISRAEL VIBRATION

In 1979, "Wiss" Bulgin, "Skelly" Spence and "Apple" Gabriel of Israel Vibration were at Tuff Gong recording their second album Unconquered People. Waifers musical director Aston "Familyman" Barrett was playing the bass.



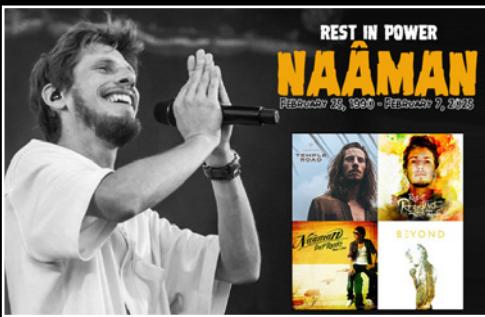
## THE 67TH GRAMMY GOES TO...

The Grammy Award winner in the category BEST REGGAE ALBUM is Bob Marley: One Love - Music Inspired By The Film (Deluxe). The album features Skip Marley, Mystic Marley, Shenseea, Wizkid, Farruko, Bloody Civilian,...



## D'YANI - THE 'MUSE' INTERVIEW

He is one of the most promising rising artists from Jamaica. With Live A Little, he already scored his first official hit, and now he's following up with his debut EP Muse. Munchy spoke with D'Yani in Kingston and uncovered...



## REST IN POWER NAÂMAN

French reggae singer Martin Mussard, better known as Naâman, has died. He succumbed to a brain tumor that was diagnosed in 2019. In April 2022 he underwent surgery and subsequently had to undergo chemotherapy.

# MAGAZINE



## INTERVIEW WITH LACLELLE 'WISS' BULGIN

Jamaican Roots Reggae music is often about creating positives from adversity. And no group embodies this like Israel Vibration. Originally a harmony trio, "Wiss" Bulgin, "Skelly" Spence and "Apple Gabriel" met at...



## VYBZ KARTEL & SHENSEEA GET MOBO AWARDS

Shenseea won the MOBO Award in the Best Caribbean Music Act category. This is her second MOBO Award, after winning in 2021. She beat out other nominees Skillibeng, Popcaan, Spice, and YG Marley and last year's...



## ALBUM REVIEW: F.Y.A.H.

Hands up - who's ready for some fine, hand-crafted reggae music? Those with arms in the air should now press on the album Free Your Authentic Heart by the acronymic group F.Y.A.H. The project grew around former...



## SOUL-REBEL MARLEY RELEASES DEBUT SINGLE

Soul-Rebel Marley builds on a legacy of ingenuity with the release of his debut single Loving Jah, out today on all digital platforms via partnership with the artist's own Tek Time Productions imprint and his family's Tuff Gong...



## BOB MARLEY'S 80TH EARTHSTRONG

Bob Marley's 80th Birthday Celebrations have begun! Under the theme 'Uprising,' the Reggae legend's anniversary activities kicked off with an exclusive preview of the digital tribute concert live on Tuff Gong Radio.



## LILA IKÉ - TOO LATE TO LIE | NEW SINGLE

Jamaican singer-songwriter Lila Iké opens up a world of vulnerability on her new single, Too Late To Lie. The brand new song and music video is from her forthcoming debut album via Wurl Iké Records & In.Digg.Nation Collective...

## VIDEO PREMIERES



RAS INDIO - PSALM 121 / PRAIZE JAH



LARRY MCDONALD - THE SHADOW OF YOUR SMILE



SKADANKS - DOWN! BANKS OF THE RIVER



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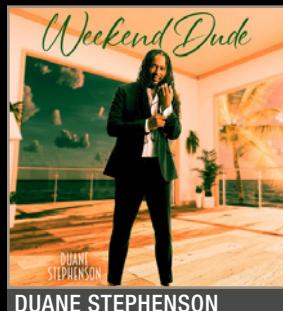
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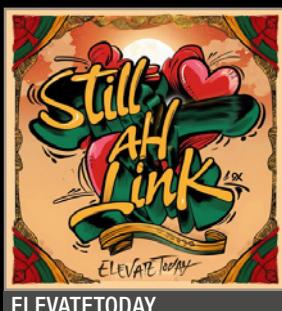
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BARRINGTON LEVY, SEAN PAUL & BERES HAMMOND @ ROCK AWAY VALENTINE'S



DONOVAN GERMAIN IN PLANTATION, FL - USA @ REGGAE GENEALOGY

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# HIGHLIGHTS 2025



**MARLEY'S GHOST**

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What was our highlight in 2025... that is simultaneously an excellent yet difficult question to answer, as 2025 truly was an epic year for **Marley's Ghost**. We gathered at the end of the year to discuss this very subject and found it easier to start with the lowlights, as there were so many wonderful things we were allowed to be a part of, as well as made happen. For example, one highlight could be releasing a live vinyl album from our **Marley's Ghost & Friends** concert, or our new collaboration with **Blackleaf** allowing us to purchase a tour bus, or selling out various venues through Germany thanks to our loyal but also growing fanbase. That being said, a major milestone was touring with our gorgeous, lovey-dovey **Marley's Ghost & Friends feat. Dellé** crew headlining various festivals, most notably the **Herzberg Festival** where we played until midnight for over 11 thousand beautifully ecstatic people. We've begun a tradition of putting on a **Marley's Ghost & Friends** show in Cologne at the beginning of December. This year we got to have an extra dose of Lady Power with our wonderful singers **Kira** and

**Mirta**, and additionally our guest singers **Mamadee** and **Milaa**. On top of each having their own feature song, the two duetted for the sacred *Redemption Song* which had the whole Club Bahnhof Ehrentfeld singing along in heavenly chorus. It could've put goosebumps on your ankles.

We were invited to headline the **Turnpike Festival** this year, one of the smaller festivals but with the biggest of hearts. Folks in the scene know that the organisers lost one of the cornerstones, co-founder **Schocker** who passed away earlier in 2025. Towards the end of the set we invited the legendary **Andrew Murphy** to come and sing *No Woman No Cry* which we dedicated to the loving memory of **Schocker**. The amazing **Lara** and **Lea**, who've stepped up at **Turnpike** to fill the void, were at the front of the stage with us singing along. And although the tears were abundantly flowing despite the songs' consolation, it truly was a sublimely bittersweet moment. It reminds us how blessed we are to be a part of such wonderful scene, making reggae music.

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# MARCH

# MAGAZINE



## REST IN POWER COCOA TEA

Legendary singer Cocoa Tea (born Colvin George Scott) has passed away. The Jamaica Gleaner reported that he died in the morning of March 11 at a hospital in Florida, following a cardiac...



## FROM DING DONG TO WORLD DING

In a spectacular fusion of talents, Dancehall titan Ding Dong has teamed up with the dynamic Skeng and the vibrant Kaka HighFlames to release Street Jump. Produced by Khalfani Records and Romeich Entertainment...



## FRIENDS ONLY. PRESENTS 'BORN IN JAMAICA'

The Friends Only. project just released a massive combination titled Born In Jamaica with Jesse Royal, MediSun and Beres Hammond. The song is produced by: J.L.L. So far, it can only be heard on YouTube, Soundcloud and...



## THE COOL RULER - GREGORY ISAACS MUSICAL

The Cool Ruler - The Musical curates the story of the legendary Gregory Isaacs on stage with sensational vocals from Terence Wallen, and the outstanding Delroy Murray Band. Directed by Anthon Phillips.



## VYBZ KARTEL - FREEDOM STREET TO EUROPE

Just announced, Vybz Kartel will play two shows in Malta in September. This is the third confirmed European event Kartel will perform in 2025. He has already been confirmed as a headliner at Summerjam (Germany)...



## ROTOM SUNSPLASH UNVEILS 60 ARTISTS

Shaggy, Burning Spear, Tiken Jah Fakoly, Tarrus Riley, Steel Pulse, Misty in Roots, The Wailers, Morgan Heritage, Third World, Ky-Mani Marley... Rototom Sunsplash kicks off the excitement for its 30th edition with a...

# MAGAZINE



## CONCERT REPORT: PROTOJE MEETS TIPPY I

Asked to wrap up last night in one word, I'd choose a German one: *Verzückung*. It translates with English 'rapture', but feels more intimate, more elevated, more celestial than that, and thus describes perfectly well the spheres...



## WALSHY FIRE TO RELEASE 'ART OF DANCEHALL'

Walshy Fire—Grammy-nominated, Jamaican-American musician, DJ, MC, and producer and one-third of the platinum recording act Major Lazer—will release his first book, *Art of Dancehall*: Flyer and Poster Designs...



## NATTALI RIZE - THE 'LIBERATE' INTERVIEW

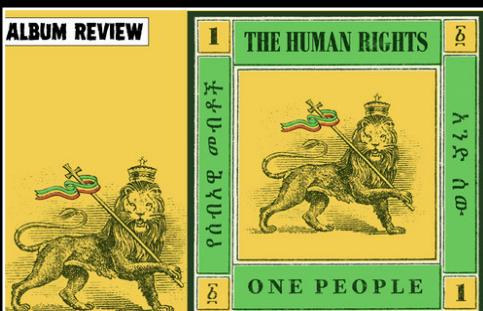
Conscious music is timeless, yet in light of our current global political situation, it feels like we need it now more than ever. Nattali Rize is a conscious rebel who masterfully weaves themes like freedom, unity, and questioning...



## REVIEW: OMAR PERRY IN LONDON @ JAZZ CAFE

Omar Perry and his French-based Easy Riddim Maker (ERM) backing band recently played London town's legendary Jazz Café.

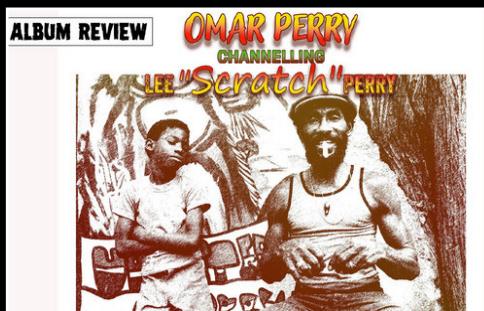
### ALBUM REVIEW



## ALBUM REVIEW: THE HUMAN RIGHTS

A band with that name deserves immediate attention, regardless of the actual quality of their music. Good thing that, in the case of The Human Rights, their output reflects the high expectations raised by their moniker!

### ALBUM REVIEW



## ALBUM REVIEW: OMAR PERRY

Son of Dub royalty Omar Perry has returned with a new project which is ostensibly a tribute to his late father Lee 'Scratch' Perry. *Channelling Lee 'Scratch' Perry* sees Perry join forces with ...

## VIDEO PREMIERES



BOBO NATTYWELL - AFRIKAN LADY



MARLON ASHER - REVOLUTION



SASHONE - SHOWERS OF GRACE



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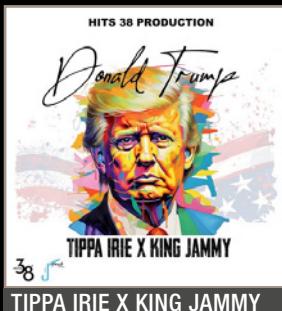


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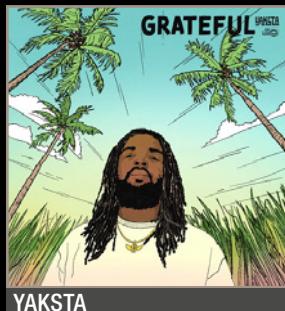
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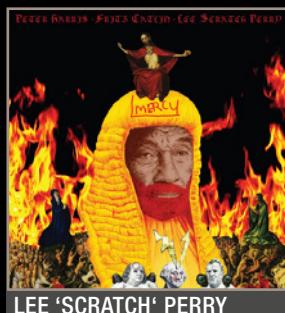
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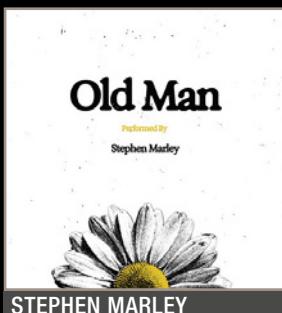
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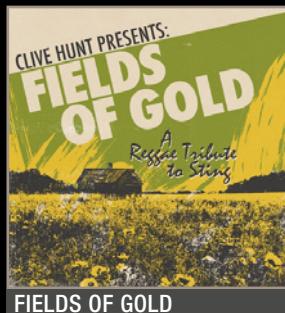
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STEPHEN MARLEY



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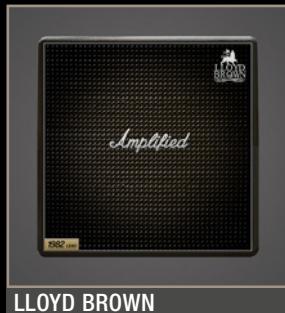
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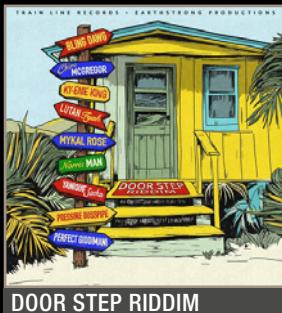
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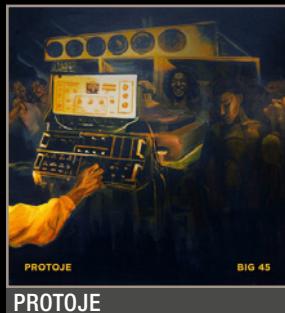
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LLOYD BROWN



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BIG 45

## PHOTOS



STEEL PULSE IN AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS



JAH MASON IN AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

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# HIGHLIGHTS 2025

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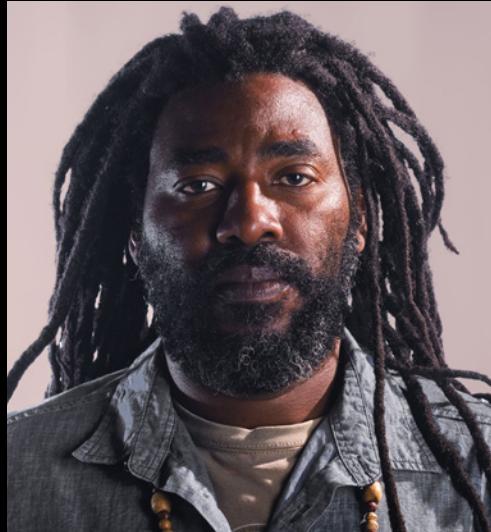
**OMAR PERRY**

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2025 was an extraordinary year for me. I am deeply grateful to be able to share my message and build my career in a way that feels true and independent. It was a year full of lessons and opportunities that led to important decisions. It all kicked off with a concert at the **Philharmonie** in Essen.

I then celebrated the 11th edition of my annual free event, **Mülheimer Reggae Day**, which for the first time took place at Wiener Platz in Cologne Mülheim. Pure joy, smiling faces, and not a single incident. I had the honour of sharing the stage with **Gentleman** and **Milaa** at the **Monheimer Sommer**, played my first own solo club show at **Club Bahnhof Ehrenfeld** in Cologne, and was part of the **Rise Up Concert** by **Summerjam** where we raised €45,000 for the victims of hurricane Melissa.

I closed the year performing at a sold-out Cologne **Philharmonie** alongside legendary musicians **Clive Hunt**, **Robbie Lyn**, **Lloyd Parks**, **Dwight Pinkney** invited by **Patrice** and released the soundtrack to all of this. *I put my trust in Jah* is not only the song title, but my manifestation throughout 2025.

My highlight in 2025 was when I took on the legacy role to create an album entitled **Channelling Lee Scratch Perry** which pays homage to my father. Another thing was playing in the United Kingdom for the first time, in one of the most renowned reggae clubs, **Jazz Cafe** in London, that led to a UK-tour in February 2026. In the VK, Belgium, I have been presenting a tribute concert in my father's name for the past four years now, but the 2025 season was the best year of all. I had the greatest feeling when, for the first time ever, I performed with two artists that worked in the historical **Black Ark Studio** in Jamaica. They were **Joy White** and **Cedric Myton** from **The Congos**, alongside my father's former French band **Easy Riddim Maker**, who I am currently touring with.

My biggest achievement is throwing my hat in the ring as a full-fledged reggae producer aka **Junior Scratch** and with the launching of **Black Ark Records**. Our first release, the **Congo Shanty Riddim** consists of veteran artists like **Winston McAnuff**, **Turbulence**, **Chezidek**, **Teacha Dee** as well as new school artists like the French group **Mystical Faya** and my daughter, **Alex Perry**. And this is just the beginning of what's yet to come!

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## INTERVIEW: DEZARIE - HAILING THE GUARDIAN

She is one of the most conscious female roots singers of the world, and a radio moderator once said that her voice "washes the soul" of those who listen. Dezarie, hailing from the calm island of St. Croix, was discovered early...



## MAX ROMEO - REST IN POWER

As reported first by [dancelhallmag.com](https://dancelhallmag.com), Romeo succumbed to heart complications at a private medical facility in St. Andrew, Jamaica in the afternoon of April 11. Since then, thousands of posts and tributes have filled the...



## CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SIZZLA KALONJI

Hailed as one of Jamaica's most prolific entertainers, Sizzla Kalonji - born Miguel Collins, will this year celebrate thirty years in the musical landscape. The internationally acclaimed musician,



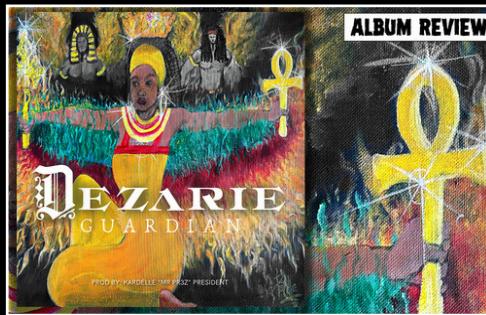
## ALBUM REVIEW: PERFECT GIDDIMANI

Sometimes in life, resolutions we took and convictions we held need to be revised as we grow older and wiser. When, back in 2017, Perfect Giddimani announced that *Live My Life Again* would be his last long player...



## ALBUM REVIEW: MELLOW MOOD

The thinker, the seeker, the searcher of truth: these are among the traits numerology ascribes to the number 7. It is thus a fitting title for the new album of Italian band Mellow Mood (their seventh, of course), as they obviously...



## ALBUM REVIEW: DEZARIE

Dezarie is a name that has risen to international renown over the last two decades, through pure talent and steady growth. Maturing under the tutelage of Midnite, her unique style reflects both the distinctive roots vibe of the Virgin...

## MAGAZINE



### IJAHMAN LEVI INTERVIEW | 1946 - 1976

Of all the reggae singers signed to Island Records in the wake of Bob Marley, none were quite like Ijahman Levi. A deeply spiritual Rastaman who played a 12-string guitar and sang mystical songs that exceeded ten minutes...



### IJAHMAN LEVI INTERVIEW | 1977 - TODAY

In Part 2 [read PART 1 here] of our interview with Ijahman Levi, he talks about his time at Island Records and why his association with Chris Blackwell came to an end. He also recounts how Eric Clapton nearly ended up playing...

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COLAH COLAH - GREAT COSMIC



ABIYAH YISRAEL - WAKE UP



SAHIDA APSARA & DUB FX - DUMBING DEM



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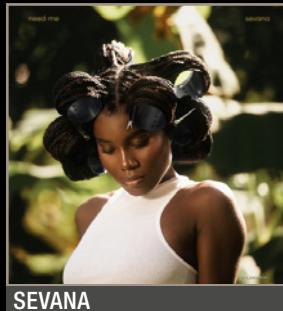
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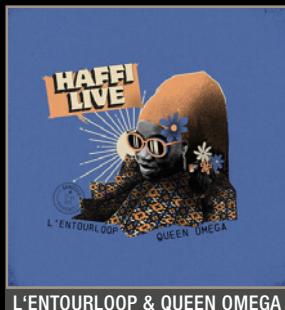
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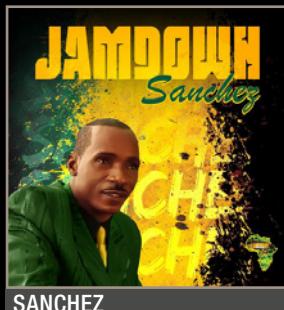
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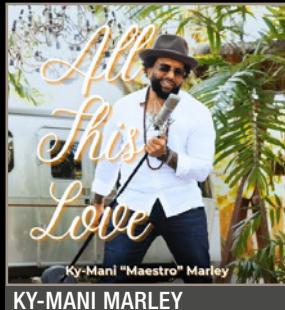
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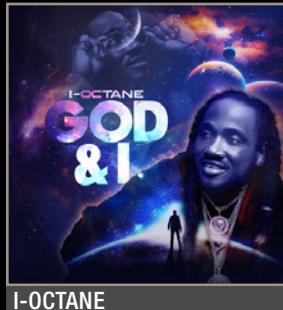
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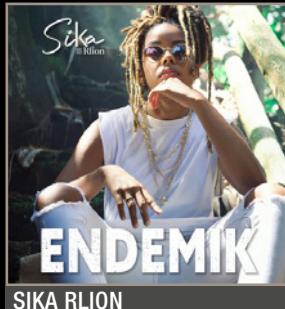
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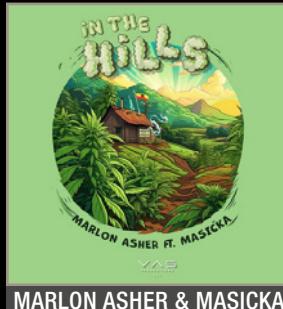
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HECTOR ROOTS LEWIS IN VENTURA, CA - USA



SKIP MARLEY IN LAS VEGAS, NV - USA @ REGGAE IN THE DESERT

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SIZZLA IN PEMBROKE PINES, FL - USA @ KALONJI KONVERSATIONS



KEN BOOTHE IN MIRAMAR, FL - USA @ RHYTHMS OF AFRICA

Photos by Steve James

# REGGAEVILLE EASTER SPECIAL 2025

IJAHMAN LEVI, CULTURE FEAT. KENYATTA HILL, ROMAIN VIRGO & MORTIMER IN COLOGNE, MUNICH, BERLIN, DORTMUND, HAMBURG AMSTERDAM. APRIL 16 - 21



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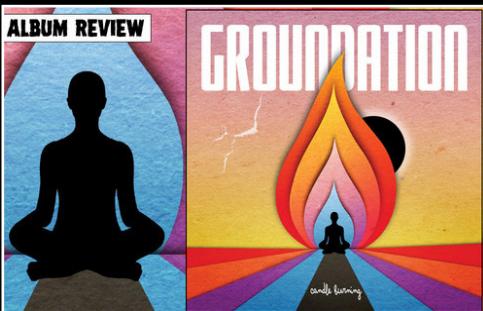
## REGGAE SUPERGROUP REIMAGINES HITS

The Mighty Rootsment, a once-in-a-generation collaboration of reggae legends and some of Jamaica's most respected artists—Toots Hibbert, Gregory Isaacs, Mykal Rose, Luciano, and the rhythm duo extraordinaire...



## VYBZ KARTEL - THE WORL' BOSS TOUR

This past Saturday (May 17), Vybz Kartel electrified Miami's packed-to-the-brim Amerant Bank Arena—his third U.S. show since returning after a 20+ year absence, following his visa reinstatement earlier this year.



## ALBUM REVIEW: GROUNDATION

Listening to a new Groundation album is an exciting affair, a bit like going to the cinema to watch a new Quentin Tarantino movie. You know the quality will be amazing, you know the plot will be gripping, but what exactly...



## ALBUM REVIEW: DUBMONES

One of the strangest and most alarming developments of the current AI-hype is AI-generated art. Why would anyone prefer to listen to "music" fabricated by computers if there are so many beautiful, exciting, breathtaking...



## REGGAEVILLE BUZZER QUIZ

We proudly present the first Reggaeville Buzzer Quiz. Quizmaster Munchy welcomes Romain Virgo, Tori Lattore, and Janeel Mills to a very special quiz. This Reggaeville Easter Special Edition was recorded at the Junkyard.



## CITY SPLASH - RUNNING ORDER &amp; TIMETABLE

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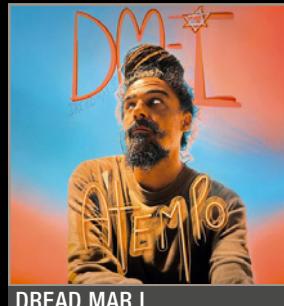
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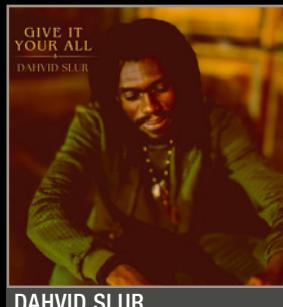
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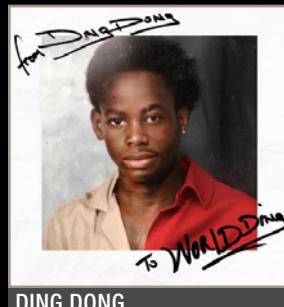
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JOSH HEINRICHS IN MONTEREY, CA - USA @ CALIFORNIA ROOTS



BERES HAMMOND & KINGSTON IN MIAMI, FL - USA @ BEST OF THE BEST

Photos by Tom Searcy & Steve James

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KABAKA PYRAMID, JEMERE & GRAMPS MORGAN IN MIAMI, FL - USA @ BEST OF THE BEST



LILA IKÉ IN OCHO RIOS, JAMAICA @ ISSA TRUST FOUNDATION 20TH EVENT

Photos by Steve James

# HIGHLIGHTS 2025



TIWONY

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The **Nimba Reggae Festival** in Guinea was my highlight for 2025. Invited by my African brother **Takana Zion**, it was a blessing to share the stage with such giants as **Jah Mason**, **Richie Spice**, **Warrior King**, **Ky-Mani Marley**, **Awadi**, **Jah Thunder** and others, in front of more than 10,000 people!

On March 14th was the release party of my EP **Reggae Frequency** with my live band at the **Kilowatt** in Paris! This was a special moment for me in terms of energy and interaction with the crowd.

I had the opportunity to share some precious life time with the living legend **Cedric Myton** in Ivory Coast. He told me all about the genesis of the movement, everything he had to face to reach this dimension, and so many things I never thought about! Thanks to the bredrens **Aiman & Spyrow** who made that connection possible.



EEK-A-MOUSE

My 2025 highlight? **Rototom! Rototom**, when they brought that Columbian guy on stage, and that young lady with a kid singing Ding Ding Ding Ding Ding. And my Birthday. Yeah.

Let me tell you which day is special to me... every day! When I go certain places and meet people, them say "**Mouse, I'm 54 years old, I been listening you when I was 14!**" Stuff like that touch me. People who send me videos of their kids singing Bing Bing Bing Bing Bang, you know what I'm saying?

Also when the Jamaican High Commissioner came to Sweden to visit the king **Carl Gustaf**. It was his birthday and I sang for him.



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<b>Sun. 1</b>	<b>Wed. 4</b>	<b>Thu. 5</b>	<b>Fri. 6</b>
<b>Remembering the Crown Prince</b> HardRock Hotel, Florida	<b>Reggae Wednesdays</b> "Back to Bass-es" Edna Manley College	<b>JaRIA Open University</b> Edna Manley College	<b>JaRIA Master Classes</b>
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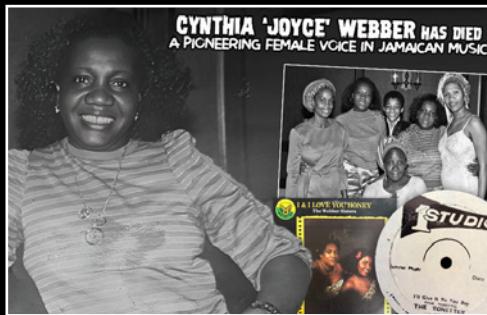
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## REVIEW: TAKANA ZION &amp; FRIENDS IN PARIS

Mission #SOLDOUT! With this rallying cry, the concert of Guinean artist Takana Zion has been promoted for the last few months, and weeks before the actual event, that mission was fulfilled. In a time when even established...



## CYNTHIA 'JOYCE' WEBBER HAS DIED

His name is inextricably linked to the song that put him on the international map in 2004: Marlon Asher aka the Ganja Farmer. Still a crowd favourite whenever it is played, the tune is also more relevant than ever, as more and more...



## ALBUM REVIEW: KONSHENS

Crazy politicians, wars and conflicts, stress and depression – every day we're faced with struggles and challenges, both globally and personally. Enter Konshens – your musical lifeguard, here to hit pause on the world burning...



## ALBUM REVIEW: CIMARONS

One of 2024's most heartwarming reggae stories was the revival of foundation UK group Cimarons, as told in Mark Warmington's documentary Harder Than The Rock. The first reggae band to form in London, they worked with...



## ZION MARLEY RELEASES 'MARCHING'

Zion Marley releases new single Marching and calls back to what got him here in the first place. This is his response to To Zion. Zion shares a powerful generational-breaking message of liberation and rebirth in, "Marching," proving...



## ALBUM REVIEW: ROYAL BLU

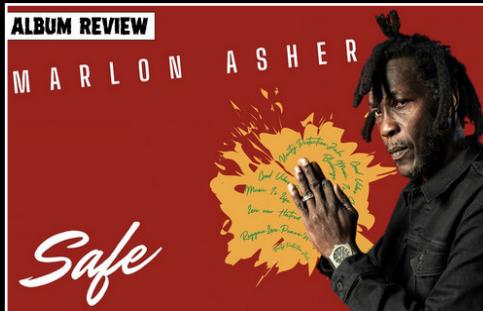
Hark! The artists are sharing their toys. Isn't that nice? Not only that, but they're taking turns. First in line is Royal Blu, whose debut album, Spanish Root, will slip down the slide after a gentle push from Easy Star Records. It will be...

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## MARLON ASHER - THE 'SAFE' INTERVIEW

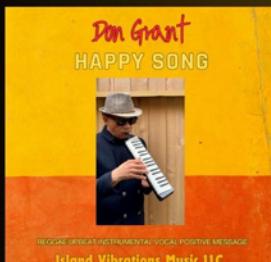
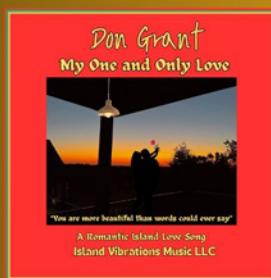
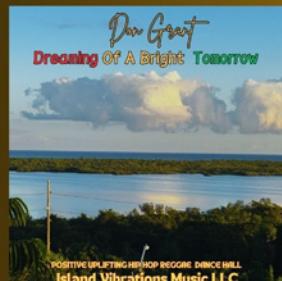
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## ALBUM REVIEW: MARLON ASHER

21 years after releasing his hit Ganja Farmer, Marlon Asher returns with an oeuvre called Safe. While this is exciting news, even more thrilling is the name of the producer behind the twelve tracks...

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MADELAINE & MAX ROMEO - SEND THE PRAISES UP



FIONA FAYE & DA FUCHAMAN - INTO ME



MARLON ASHER - SAFE



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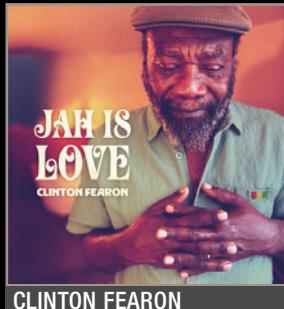


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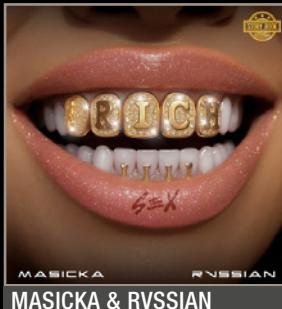


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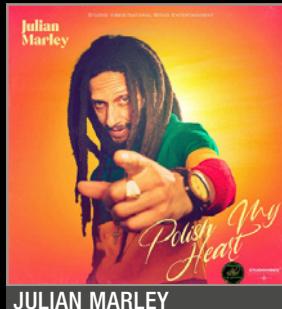
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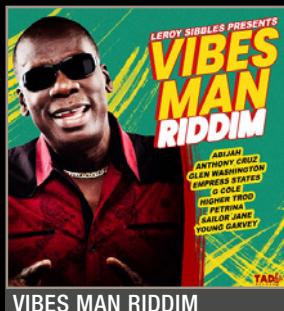
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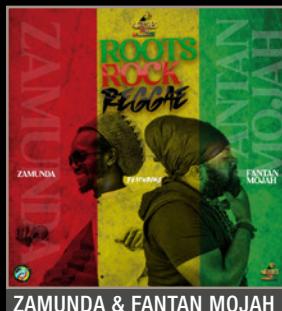
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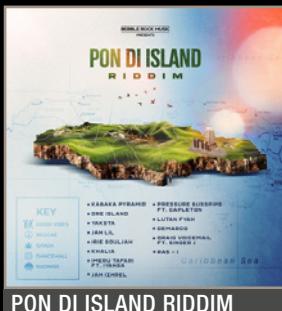
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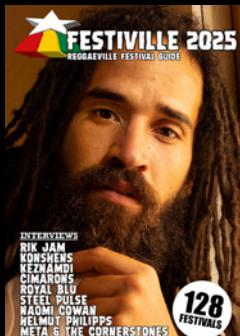
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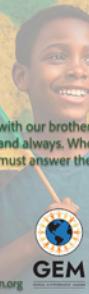
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The Government has launched a website to mobilise support, channel relief and coordinate recovery efforts in the aftermath of Category Five Hurricane Melissa.

[SupportJamaica.gov.jm](http://SupportJamaica.gov.jm)



**GHETTO YOUTHS FOUNDATION**  
Hurricane Melissa Relief



We stand together with our brothers and sisters in Jamaica — now and always. When one of us is hurting, all of us must answer the call.

**Recover  
Restore  
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# JAMAICA RISE AGAIN!

„When one of us is hurting,  
all of us must answer the call.“

*(Ghetto Youths Foundation)*

BY GARDY STEIN

How does it feel to stand in the ruins of your existence, when all your earthly possessions have been destroyed by a devastating fire, flood, earthquake... or hurricane? Those who don't know can consider themselves blessed but for thousands of people, feelings of fear and despair became a sad reality when **Hurricane Melissa** swept through the Caribbean last October.

The rare category 5 tropical cyclone hit Jamaica's southern coast with full force, leaving the parishes of Westmoreland, St. Elizabeth and Manchester as well as St. James and Hanover utterly devastated. It was not the storm surge alone that caused the terrible damage, but also the slow pace at which the hurricane moved and the heavy rainfalls it carried, flooding entire regions.

The Jamaican government declared a state of emergency and opened shelters for those who had lost everything, providing food and drinking water,

but with entire infrastructures destroyed (we're talking schools, hospitals, police stations and roads in ruins as well as electricity, internet and water supplies cut), this was far from enough.

In addition to the terrible loss of 45 lives, the hurricane has severely affected the livelihood of 1.6 million people, wrecking not only buildings but also fields, tree plantations and fishing boats, which amounts to agricultural losses of nearly 130 million US\$ (source: OCHA). So many personal tragedies are hidden behind these numbers: The woman whose corner shop was blown away, including all goods and equipment stored there. The chicken farmer who lost his stock of living and frozen chicken (around 3,500kg) because no electricity was there to run the freezer. The peasant whose entire fields are destroyed, spoiling the whole year's harvest. The entrepreneur who had just invested in her tourist lodge at Treasure Beach, of which only a pile of rubble remains...

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YOUR SUPPORT MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO CONTINUE UPLIFTING VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES!



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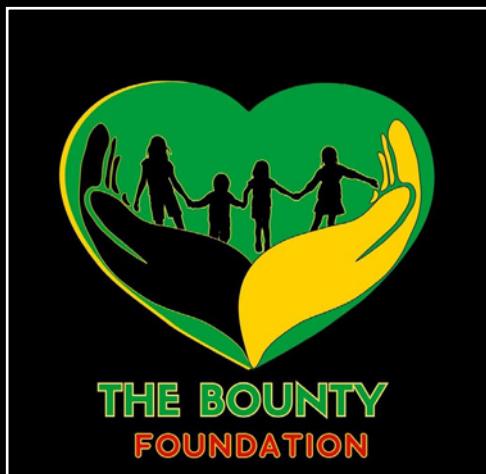
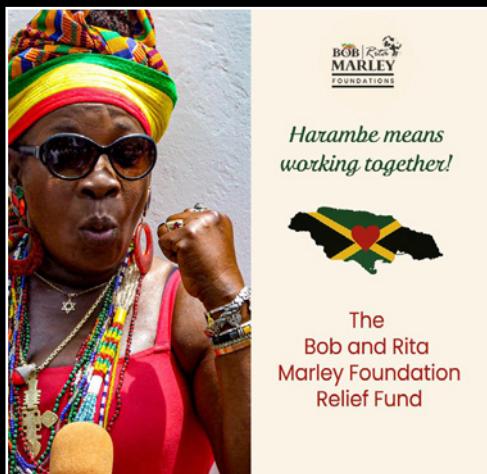
At that point, the “out of many one people” attitude kicked in. Both public and private individuals immediately mobilised teams, collected urgently needed supplies and made their way into the regions worst hit by the hurricane to share whatever they could. Many Jamaican artists quickly organised fundraisers online or acted through their already existent NGOs, thus being able to reach out only hours after the disaster.

Among those delivering aid to the severely affected regions are **Romeich Entertainment**; **Ziggy Marley's URGE Foundation**; the **Ghetto Youths Foundation** founded by **Stephen, Damian & Julian Marley**; **Shaggy's Make A Difference Foundation** (teaming up with Jamaica's largest charity organisation **Food For The Poor Jamaica**); **Protoje's Lost In Time Foundation**; the **Buju Banton Foundation**; the **Sean Paul Foundation**; **Spice's Grace Hamilton Foundation**; the **Bob and Rita Marley Foundation**; the **Beenie Man Foundation**; the **Peter Tosh Foundation**; **Vybz Kartel's Adidja Palmer Foundation**; and **Masicka's MADE Foundation**. In a Jamaican *Observer* article, **Masicka** explained: “*Jamaica is home. Anytime the people are hurting, I feel that too. When I saw the devastation after Hurricane Melissa, I couldn't just sit back and watch. We might celebrate the music and the success, but at the core, it's about community – about standing with each other when times get rough.*”

Many other artists organised collections privately: **Christopher Martin**, **Shenseea**, **Ding Dong** and **D'Angel**, just to name a few. As the images of the devastation travelled across the globe, international aid started to arrive, too. Thus, **Bounty Killer (The Bounty Foundation)** teamed up with **DJ Khaled (We The Best Foundation)**, **Masicka** brought **Pepsi** on board and **Buju Banton** secured the support of famous pilot **Barrington Irving**.

Fundraisers were set up by private individuals, official bodies (e.g. the **Government of Jamaica Hurricane Melissa Relief Fund**) and international NGOs, of which the **Global Empowerment Mission** is especially noteworthy. They prepared aid transports even before the hurricane hit and have raised US\$20 million so far. The **American Friends of Jamaica** were able to contribute US\$1.5 million immediately after the hurricane hit, and are now aiming at an additional US\$10 million to finance rebuilding and long-term recovery. With a focus not only on Jamaica, but also on other affected regions (Haiti and the Dominican Republic, for instance), the **Caribbean Hurricane Fund** has raised £127k so far.

Collections are still ongoing, so if you want to make a donation to help people rebuild their homes and businesses, check the links on the following pages. Every mickle makes a muckle, as Jamaicans would say!



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- THE BOUNTY FOUNDATION
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## CONCERTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

*Jamaica was devastated by the record breaking category 5 Hurricane Melissa. Please help us to rebuild lives and livelihood.*



**DONATE NOW VIA:**  
**[www.supportjamaica.gov.jm](http://www.supportjamaica.gov.jm)**

All proceeds go to Hurricane Victims.



# TOGETHER WE CAN HELP JAMAICA REBUILD

ONE LOVE. ONE JAMAICA. ONE MISSION

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Donate today and join the positive vibration movement. Help us rebuild and recover with love.

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Founded and directed by Stephen, Damian, and Julian Marley



*Restore  
Rebuild  
Recover*



[www.ghettoyouthsfoundation.org](http://www.ghettoyouthsfoundation.org)

## Helping St. Elizabeth After Hurricane Melissa

**Hurricane Melissa has caused severe damage - impacting schools, farmland, crops and essential infrastructure.**



HELP Jamaica! is supporting the Great Start Academy to ensure that school operations can resume as quickly and safely as possible.

### How your donations will be used:

- Therapy & emotional support for children coping with trauma.
- Daily hot lunches to meet basic nutritional needs.
- Hiring additional teachers so the school can also welcome children and teens from outside the school community and additional Saturday classes.



- Installing generators for safe school operations and community access to power.
- "Plant A Seed" farming project to improve food security and teach agricultural skills in cooperation with local farmers.

**Every contribution helps restore education, stability and hope.**

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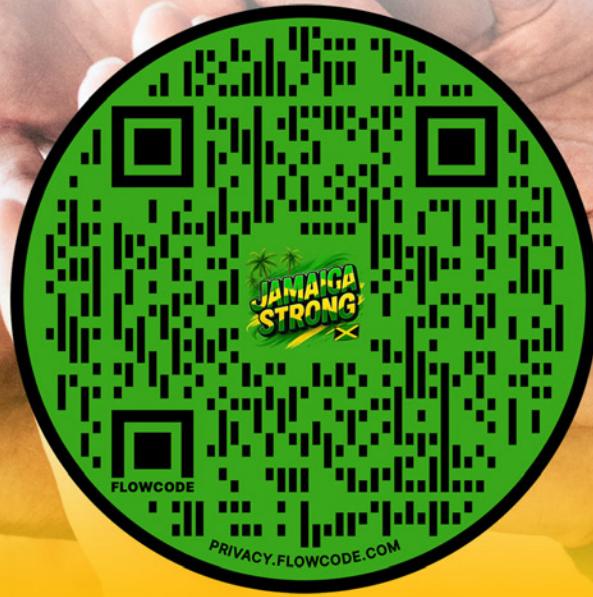
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# Iriejam FOUNDATION

CULTURE COMMUNITY PURPOSE



**Jamaica has been devastated by Hurricane Melissa. Families have lost their homes, livelihoods, and sense of security. Your donation provides immediate relief and helps rebuild affected communities.**

## **PLEASE DONATE**

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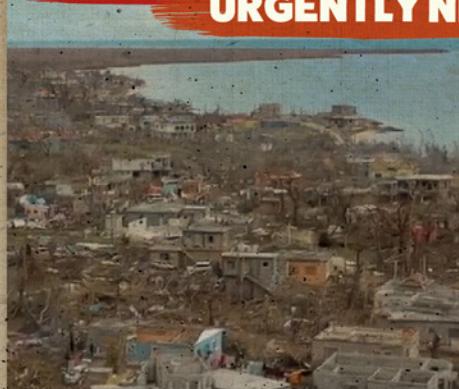
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URGENTLY NEEDS OUR HELP**



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- 85% OF COMMUNITY REMAIN IN BELMONT
- FAMILIES IN MAKE SHIFT HOMES & CROWDED STRUCTURES



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# STAND UP FOR JAMAICA

## HELP US REBUILD LIVES AFTER HURRICANE MELISSA



ACTIVE SINCE MORE THAN 20 YEARS, STAND UP FOR JAMAICA IS CURRENTLY WORKING TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY HURRICANE MELISSA, PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES AND SAFE SPACES FOR THOSE IN NEED.

EVERY DONATION, NO MATTER THE SIZE, CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN REBUILDING LIVES. PLEASE CONSIDER TO DONATE OR SHARING OUR MISSION WITH OTHERS WHO MIGHT WANT TO HELP.  
THANK YOU!



MELISSA RELIEF: [GOFUND.ME/6DB720DD3](https://gofund.me/6db720dd3)

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**Food For The Poor**  
build back a *stronger* Jamaica  
after Hurricane Melissa

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# WORD SOUND POWER COLLECTIVE

## HURRICANE MELISSA RELIEF FUNDRAISING

[wordsoundpowercollective.org](http://wordsoundpowercollective.org)

**DONATE TODAY**



ANCIENT DENZIL

## SUPPORT RASTAFARI ELDERS

Word Sound Power Collective's mission as a non-profit organization is to organize and mobilize the Rastafari community and other like-minded peoples to provide support to Rastafari Elders at home and abroad.

Donate today to help provide aid to Rastafari Elders impacted by the hurricane and contribute towards rebuilding. Give thanks.

LET THE HUNGRY BE FED, THE NAKED CLOTHED, THE SICK NOURISHED, THE AGED PROTECTED AND THE INFANTS CARED FOR.

THE WINDS OF CHANGE ARE SHIFTING  
COME TOGETHER



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THE POOR

COULD YOU BE LOVED  
REIMAGINED

IN SUPPORT OF:

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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO MAKE A DONATION, VISIT [WWW.JAMFORJAMAICA.COM](http://WWW.JAMFORJAMAICA.COM)

# TOGETHER WE STRONG

As well as the aid missions described in the previous section, many reggae and dancehall artists came together to help by doing what they know how to do best: singing and playing instruments. Charity concerts were (and still are) organised around the globe to raise funds for the hurricane victims, giving fans the opportunity to support Jamaica by enjoying the best of Jamaican-born music. Win win!

Thus, the **Irie Jam Foundation** raised over US\$500k at their **Jamaica Strong Benefit Concert** on December 12<sup>th</sup> 2025, which saw spectacular performances by **Shaggy**, **Sean Paul**, **Chronic Law**, **T.O.K.**, **Tessanne Chin**, **Aidonia**, **Inner Circle**, **Ky-Mani Marley**, **Yaksta**, **I-Octane** and many more.

In Germany, Team **Summerjam** set up the **Rise Up Jamaica** concert, collecting €45k for the non-profit organisation **HELP Jamaica**! by inviting, among others, **Gentleman**, **Trettmann**, **Patrice**, **Kumar Fah** and **Treesha** to the stage. Other initiatives include **Berlin United For Jamaica** (€3.8k), London's **Reggae & Food Festival** by **City Splash** (£13k), or Japan's **Mighty Crown Entertainment**, who collected JA\$9 million. These are only some examples of events organised all over the world by reggae enthusiasts.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the participating artists and all the good people involved behind the scenes in these positive actions!

A poster for a charity event. At the top, a lion is shown with the text 'PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF JAMAICA IN SWITZERLAND'. Below the lion, the word 'UNITED' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Underneath 'UNITED', the word 'FOR' is in smaller white letters, and 'JAMAICA' is in large yellow letters. Below 'JAMAICA', the text 'SOIREE DE SOUTIEN POUR LA JAMAÏQUE' is written in white. In the center, there is a black and white photo of a man with a mustache, wearing a white shirt, identified as 'JOE SPINNER X HUMANITY'. To the left of the photo, the text 'ASHER SELECTOR X DERRICK X MA GASH' is listed. To the right, 'SOLDIA X CULTURAL WARRIORS' and 'JAH ROOTS X RADIKAL VIBRATION' are listed. At the bottom, the text 'PROUDLY SPONSORED BY JAH ROOTS & LE SPONSOR SYSTEM' is written. The bottom half of the poster features the text 'SPECIAL GUEST' in white, followed by 'STYLO G' in large yellow letters. At the very bottom, the date 'SAMEDI 13 DÉCEMBRE 2025' is written in large yellow letters, with 'LE GROOVE' and 'LE SPONSOR SYSTEM' in smaller text to the left and right respectively.

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JAMAICA STRONG.



RISING FROM THE STORM  
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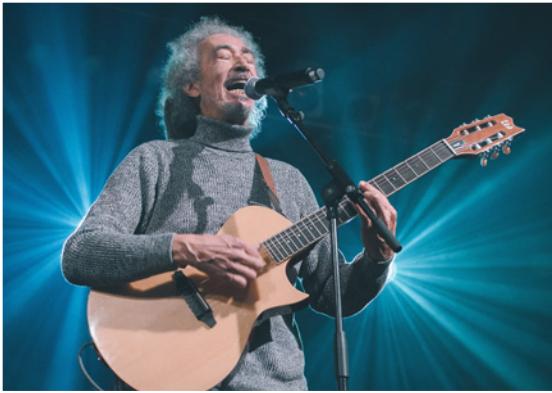
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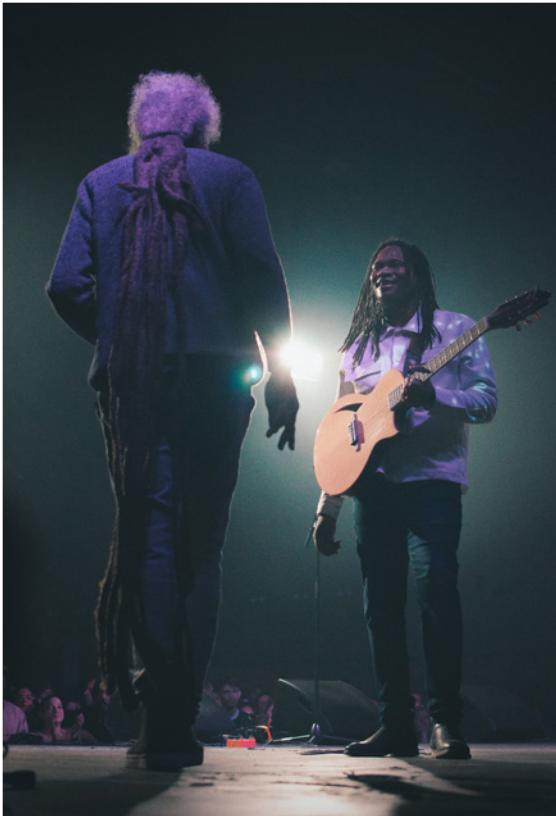


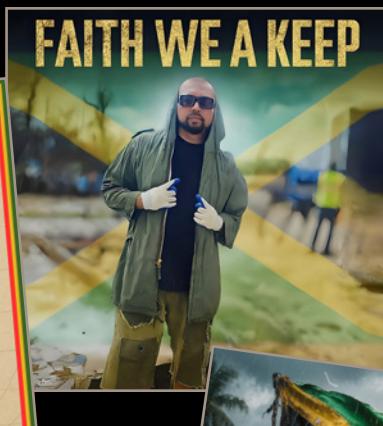
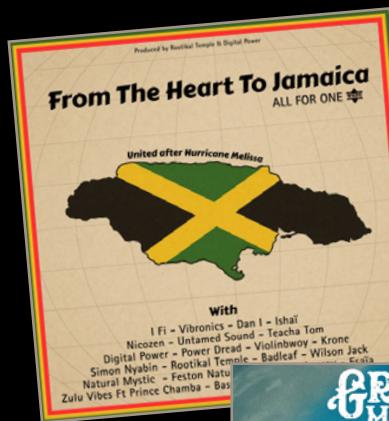
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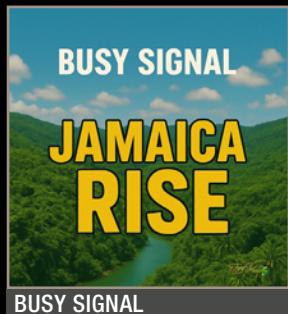
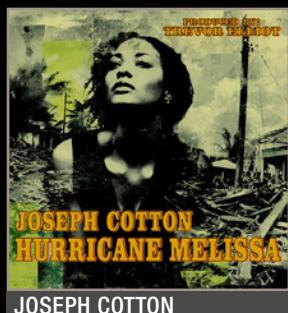
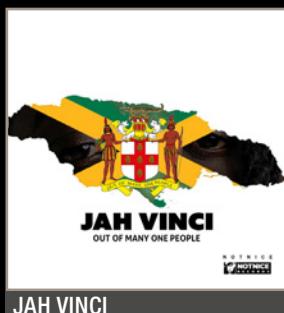
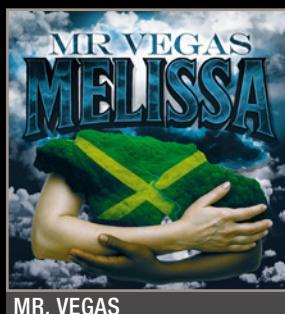
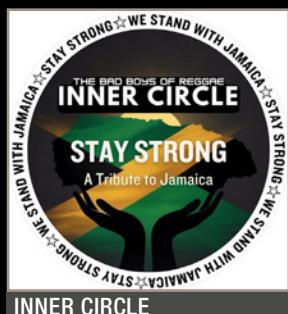
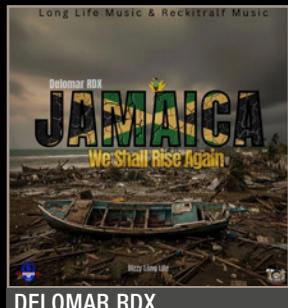
Both established artists like, **Inner Circle**, **Sean Paul**, **Busy Signal**, **Mr. Vegas**, **Stylo G**, **Jah Vinci**, **Delomar RDX**, **Joseph Cotton** or **Gramps Morgan** and upcoming singers (**Aiesha**, **Jah Izrehl**, **Queen Atara**, **Rani Rastaciti**, **Mojo Herb**) added their voices to an ever-growing choir, some releasing singles a mere day after Melissa's landfall.

A collective of 20+ artists around **Digital Power** and **Rootikal Temple** even released a whole album entitled **From The Heart To Jamaica** to collect funds for the **Word Sound Power Collective!**

While some of the songs recorded vividly describe experiences before, during or after the storm, others encourage and give hope, appealing to the resilience of this Caribbean nation, with one leitmotif emerging from many of the songs:

**JAMAICA STRONG!**

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## REVIEW: BOB MARLEY HOPE ROAD IN LAS VEGAS

The spectacular Bob Marley Hope Road event opened in the Las Vegas Mandalay Bay Hotel on July 18, 2025. As an advisor on history and memorabilia I and my wife Mary were invited to be part of the immersive experience's...



## BLACK PEARL LIVINGSTON RELEASES DEBUT SINGLE

It's been 63 years in the making and decades since the tragic loss of the great Bob Marley and fellow architect of reggae music, Bunny Wailer, but the wait has been worth it: Bob and Bunny's sister Pearl Livingston...



## LILA IKÉ ANNOUNCES DEBUT ALBUM

Jamaica's dynamic singer-songwriter Lila Iké embraces confidence on her sultry new single, Romantic featuring dancehall star Masicka. The track and its accompanying video arrive alongside the exciting announcement of her...



## SUMMERJAM 2025 FESTIVAL REPORT

„Full Of Energy“ is the motto of this year's 38th Summerjam edition, and if the weather is any indication at all, we are up for a fine weekend to recharge our festival batteries. The city of Cologne welcomes the visitors with...



## GRACY'S BASH 2025 FESTIVAL REPORT

Happy Birthday, Gracy! This Jamaican powerwoman celebrated an incredible six decades on earth last weekend, and for this special occasion, her annual party-turned-concert took place on two evenings.



## ALBUM REVIEW: YEZA

What would happen in Jamaica if Roots, Reggae and Dancehall lyrics were taught in our schools, starting now? Take any track from the recently released Star of the East, YEZA's debut album with producer Rory Gilligan...

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**CIMARONS**

INTERVIEW PART I

FORMING THE GROUP AND VISITING AFRICA



## CIMARONS INTERVIEW

The eldest child in a family often has it the hardest. They set the path their younger siblings can follow - without support and acknowledgement for the lonely trail they've blazed. This analogy can be applied to foundation...

**TARRUS RILEY**

SHARES FEEL-GOOD REGGAE LOVE ANTHEM



## TARRUS RILEY SHARES REGGAE LOVE ANTHEM

Tarrus Riley is back with a soulful yet light-hearted new single, You + Me = Good Life, dropping Friday, July 25. Produced by Kareem "Remus" Burrell for XTM.Nation, the track is a sweet reminder that the simple things—love...

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## ALBUM REVIEW: THE MOVEMENT

Founded in 2003, The Movement has grown to be a key player in not only the Californian, but the whole US Reggae scene. During more than two decades on the road, on stages and in studios, they have made connections...

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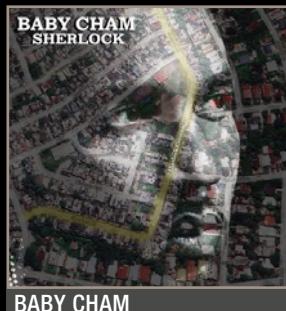
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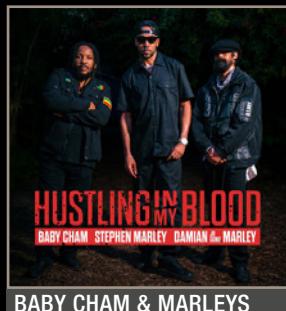
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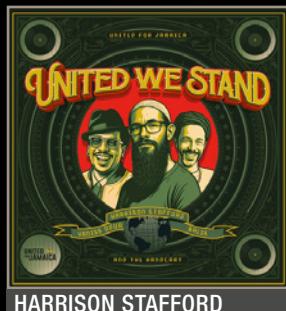
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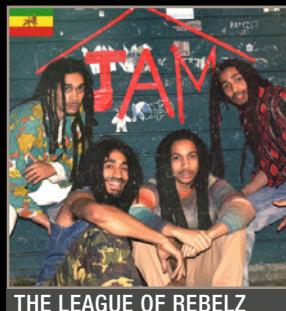
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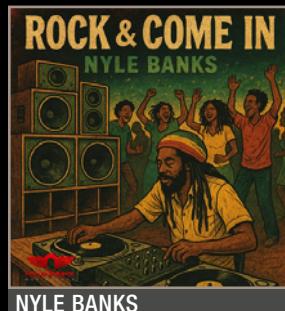
LILA IKÉ &amp; MASICKA



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THE LEAGUE OF REBELZ



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BEENIE MAN IN THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS @ SUN SPLASH REGGAE FESTIVAL



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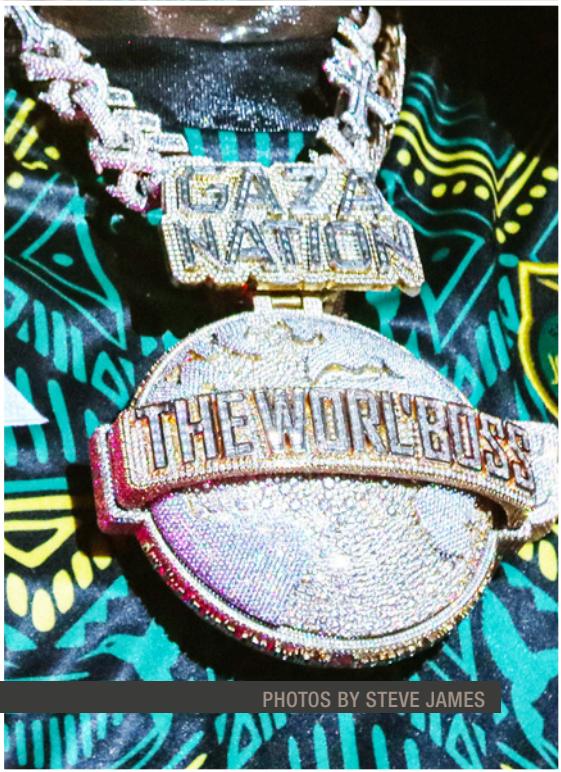


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VYBZ KARTEL @ SUMMERJAM 2025

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# AUGUST

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## BEST MOMENTS... NO LOGO FESTIVAL

The 12th edition of the No Logo Festival in picturesque Fraisans, France was a super success - sold out!. Described as the biggest reggae festival in France, hosting the cream of reggae's crop, it ensured that all tastes - from...



## BEST MOMENTS... REGGAE LAND

Go back ten years and UK reggae festivals were small, scrappy affairs, often moving nomadically from venue to venue, as their patrons looked with envy at what was happening in Europe. On August 2nd and 3rd, in a difficult...



## FESTIVAL REPORT: REGGAE JAM

Touchdown in Bersenbrück! For the 31st edition of Germany's most favorite reggae festival (according to the annual Riddim Mag poll), red-gold-green enthusiasts from all over the country have flocked to the little rural town...



## ALBUM REVIEW: JESSE ROYAL

"Listen! It's really a blessing, every time you open your eyes, your greatest possession is life!" This quote from the song Blessing (see below) served both as urgent plea and declaration of intent in a recent IG post by Jesse Royal.



## ALBUM REVIEW: MR. VEGAS

'That is a song that deaf people can dance to.' This, the kind of comment I invited upon myself after listening to the first three tracks of the latest Mr. Vegas album, Ghetto Reggae, and instinctively picking up the phone. 'Uncle?...



## ALBUM REVIEW: KEZNAMDI

Angelic, almost hypnotic, Kelissa's tender chants draw us into the captivating sonic universe of her brother Keznamdi and his second album Bixd & Fyah. Following his highly acclaimed debut Bloodline in 2020, the Kingstonian...

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### FESTIVAL REVIEW: ROTOTOM SUNSPLASH

At the Rototom Sunsplash festival's final year in Italy in 2009, almost 70 artists were billed to perform. By 2025 - some 15 years after its relocation in Spain - this festival is hosting well over 100 artists, via an 8-day extravaganza.

### DEZARIE RELEASES FIRST-EVER MUSIC VIDEO



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In a powerful moment that marks a new chapter in the global roots reggae movement, the world-renowned, St. Croix-based roots empress Dezarie releases her first-ever official music video - a stunning visual journey that...

# KING HOPETON - TIME

### BRAND NEW ALBUM OUT NOW



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CHESTER MILLER - RUN COME



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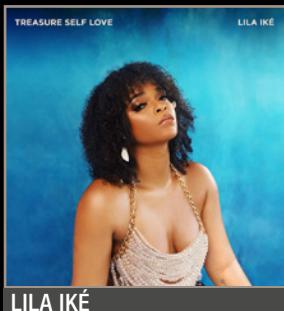


SARA LUGO & YAKSTA - NO MORE TROUBLE

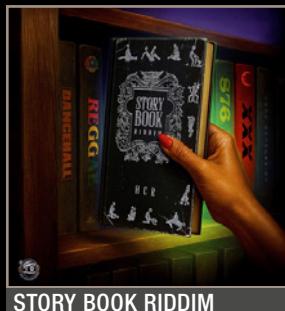
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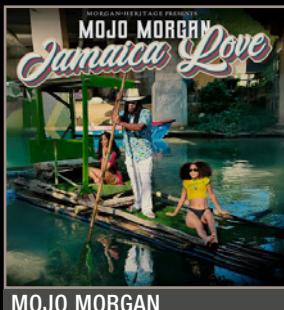
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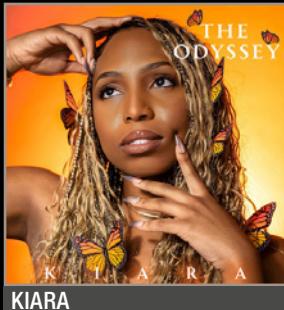
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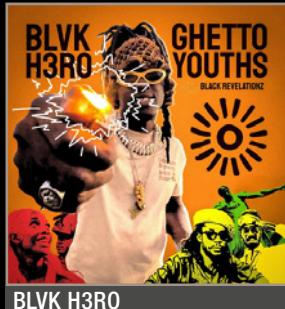
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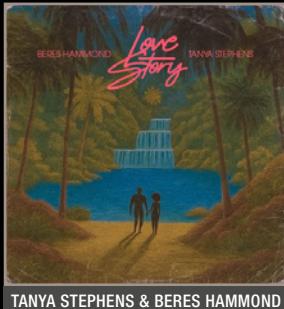
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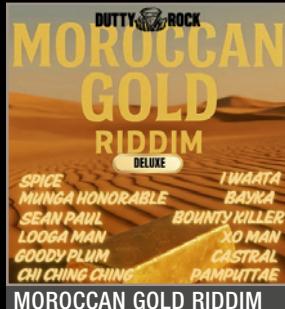
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THE GLADIATORS @ REGGAE GEEL



ELEPHANT MAN IN BROOKLYN, NY - USA @ CARIBBEAN MUSIC AWARDS

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ANDREW MURPHY IN HERZEBROCK-CLARHOLZ, GERMANY @ TURNPIKE REGGAE FESTIVAL



ALBOROSIE IN PIERCY, CA - USA @ REGGAE ON THE RIVER

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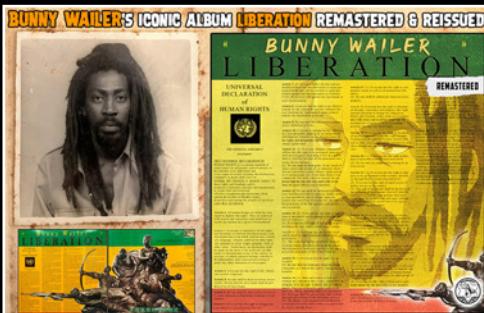
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## NAYA ROCKERS ANNOUNCE BENEFIT ALBUM

Naya Rockers, in association with Floki Studios (Iceland), proudly present Higher Education, an 11-track benefit LP uniting some of the most respected names in reggae, ska, dub, and New Orleans R&B. Recorded across 15 studios.



## BUNNY WAILER'S LIBERATION ALBUM REISSUED

Bunny Wailer's Iconic Liberation LP remastered and re-issued by Solomonic Productions Ltd. Originally released in 1989, Liberation stands as a powerful testament to Bunny Wailer's artistry and commitment to...



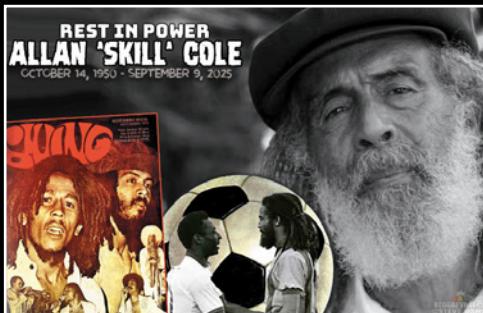
## KAYLAN ARNOLD @ WHA' GWAAN MUNCHY?!?

Wha' Gwaan Munchy with special guest Kaylan Arnold! Kaylan Arnold on growing up in a Caribbean household and her diverse musical roots! ...on singing since she was in pampers and her first solo at the age of five.



## TREASURE SELF LOVE - INTERVIEW WITH LILA IKÉ

Sometimes, it just takes one person to alter your life's course. One person who understands where you're coming from, sees your potential and encourages you to fulfill it. For Lila Iké, this person is In.Digg.Nation...



## ALLAN 'SKILL' COLE - REST IN POWER

Finally! Allan 'Skill' Cole, Jamaican former footballer and tour manager & close friend of Bob Marley is dead! The Jamaica Observer reported in today's edition: „Allan 'Skill' Cole, former Santos and Jamaica football star...



## JAMROCK CRUISE CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The Welcome to Jamrock Reggae Cruise, co-founded by four-time Grammy-winning reggae artist Damian "Jr. Gong" Marley and manager Dan Dalton, marks its 10th Anniversary Edition this year with another sold-out...

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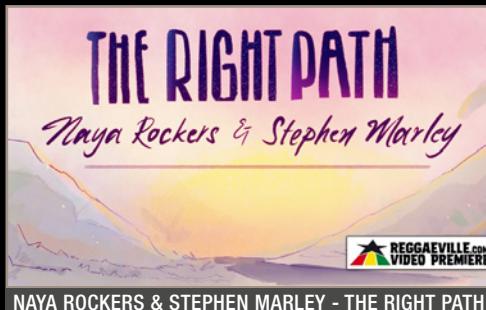
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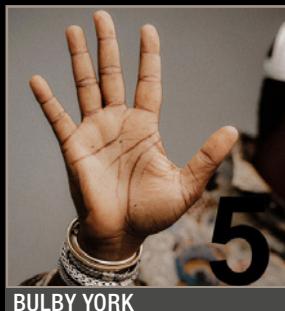


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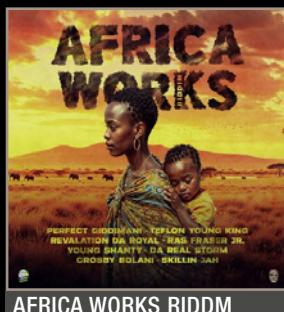
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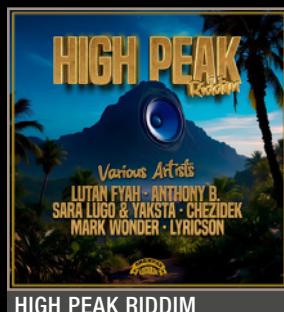
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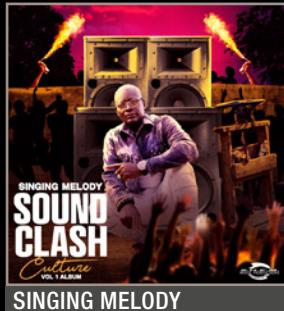
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JAH MASON IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA @ GRAMMY CERTIFICATE CEREMONY



SQUIDLY COLE IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA @ GRAMMY CERTIFICATE CEREMONY

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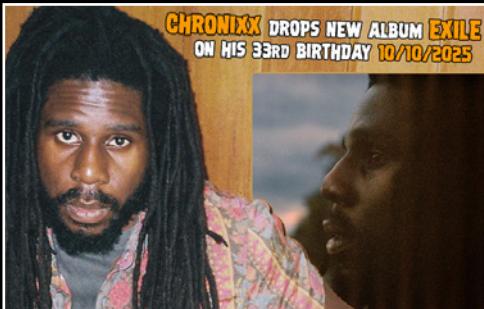


SISTER NANCY & MAD PROFESSOR IN COSTA RICA

Photos by Tom Searcy & Steve James

# OCTOBER

# MAGAZINE



## EXILE - CHRONIXX DROPS NEW ALBUM

The time has come! The wait and uncertainty are over. Shortly after the tracklist for the new Chronixx album Exile was released earlier today, we have confirmation that the album will be released tomorrow, October 10, 2025!



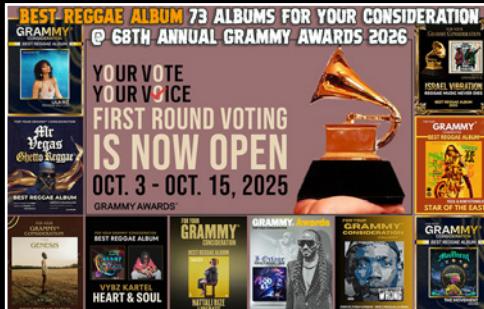
## REVIEW: THE CONGOS ON TOUR IN IRELAND

Jamaica's legendary vocal trio, The Congos, returned to Ireland for 2 shows, on October 24th and 25th last. Billed as their 'first headline show in Ireland in 18 years', the Congos had in fact performed at the Beatyard festival...



## ALBUM REVIEW: SKYGRASS

Self-produced by Simon "Skygrass" Bowden, Walking On Water marks the second full-length album from the Jamaican artist, following his 2013 debut IAmKing. Featuring collaborations with Jesse Royal, Mykal Rose, ...



## BEST REGGAE ALBUM... GRAMMY CONSIDERATION

The first round of voting (October 3 - 15) for the 68th Grammy Awards is currently underway. Social media is awash with „For Your Consideration“ posts and reels from artists and labels, trying to attract the attention of...



## HURRICANE MELISSA RELIEF LAUNCHED

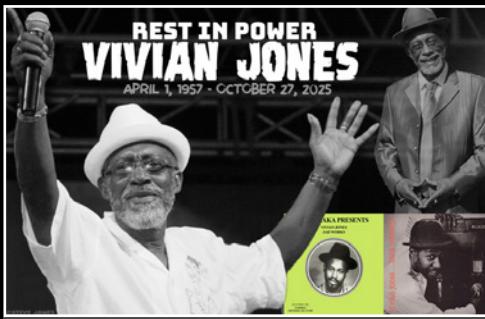
Hon. Andrew Holness (Prime Minister of Jamaica): "Today, I'm pleased to announce the launch of supportjamaica.gov.jm, the Government of Jamaica's official platform to coordinate relief, mobilize support, and manage...



## ALBUM REVIEW: ALBOROSIE

Alborosie is a true workhorse. Almost stoically, he delivers stunning new studio albums every two years – and his latest creation, Nine Mile, is yet another blessing for our ears and souls. But it's not the singer's voice we hear...

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## VIVIAN JONES - REST IN POWER

Be gentle with yourself and others! The sad news was announced on Facebook via Jones' own record label Imperial House Music Ltd: „It is with a broken heart. That we announce the passing of Vivian 'Sugar Love' Jones.



## UMBERTO ECHO INTERVIEW

There are works where the making is the meaning, where the road itself becomes the goal. And sometimes the path leads us astray – into detours, onto ways unplanned. But that's not always a bad thing. At times, the unexpected...



## ALBUM REVIEW: MIKE LOVE

After last year's release of Leaders, the second part of Mike Love's intense trilogy is out now: (Where's all the) Teachers! Asked about its creation, the artist tells us: „It's really the point in the work where it builds to its peak...



## DIANE JOBSON PORTRAYED IN NEW FILM

Miss Jobson is an Intimate portrait of Diane Jobson, Bob Marley's close friend and legendary lawyer, which will celebrate its world premiere on November 8th in Estonia at the Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival. An official...



## REVIEW: 1GUH WATCH IN HAMBURG, GERMANY

This is our first report about a theatre piece, like, ever! Reason being that reggae and dancehall are not a prominent part of theatre stages around the world as yet, but this might be about to change with innovative formats like...



## EP REVIEW: SKARRA MUCCI X MANUDIGITAL

„Yo Manu, mi deya! Yaggayow...“ Bold, direct, and with a unique ragga flow: that's how his fans know and love the one called Skarra Mucci. Two and a half years after his Perfect Timing album, he now comes in with a new...

## VIDEO PREMIERES



JAH DEFENDER - GUIDE ME



BLACK PEARL LIVINGSTON & J WRITTEN



JUNIOR KELLY - ONLY YOU



BLACK PEARL LIVINGSTON - I CAN TELL



IMAR SHEPHARD - NO TIME FOR YOU



K DOTTIE - NATURAL



ROMEO K & THE MYSTIC WARRIORS - CHANT JAMAICA



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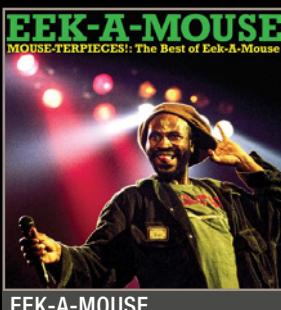
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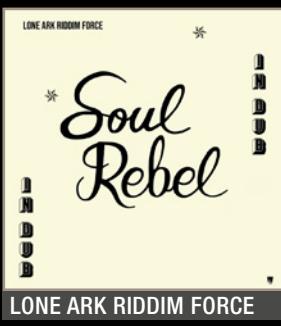
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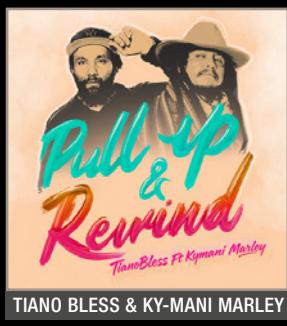
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NESBETH & SIZZLA IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA @ RISE TO THE OCCASION



MARIA GRIFFITHS & STEPHEN MARLEY IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA

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ZIGGY MARLEY IN IRVINE, CA - USA



PROTOJE, LILA IKÉ & ROMAIN VIRGO IN MIAMI, FL - USA

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# HIGHLIGHTS 2025

**ALBOROSIE****QUEEN OMEGA**

PHOTO BY LUIGI CREESE

The best thing that happened to me in 2025, and is still happening to me, is to see my fans still following, getting my music, and coming to my shows... worldwide. In this present time, I don't take anything for granted.

Society changed a lot, and music changed also... but reggae message still lives on... I shall keep going and be forever thankful to those who support my mission.

Respect to one and all!

My highlight would be my trip to South Africa. It was majestic, opening many portals, granting a new beginning along my musical journey. I felt a reconnection to my ancestors.

The day I visited the Safari with my musical family was very special. We were accompanied also by the organisers, close friends and workmates. It was a fun day to chill after performing at the **Catch A Fire Soweto Reggae Festival**.

What moved me deeply was the beautiful welcome we received at the airport. The crowd was large and wild with enthusiasm, singing, chanting, drums were playing, my heart was pounding... I felt the earth shake! The vibration was rocket sky and this touched my soul. What a joy it is for bredrens to dwell together in unity! This touched my soul.

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## BEST REGGAE ALBUM GRAMMY NOMINATIONS

The 68th Annual Grammy Awards nominees have been revealed. Congratulations to all nominees! In the BEST REGGAE ALBUM category five releases made it to the final round and winners will be awarded on Feb 1, 2026.



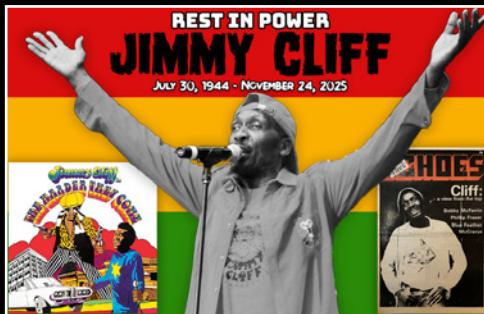
## JAMAICA STRONG BENEFIT CONCERT NEW YORK

In response to the catastrophic devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa across Jamaica, the Government of Jamaica (GOJ), through the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport (MCGES), has endorsed...



## BERLIN UNITED FOR JAMAICA

Let's come together & celebrate solidarity for the land we love. This event is raising money for the support & recovery of Jamaica after the devastating Hurricane. 100% of proceeds will go directly to the HELP Jamaica! Charity...



## JIMMY CLIFF - REST IN POWER

Reggae icon Jimmy Cliff is dead! His family announced it today via social media: „It's with profound sadness that I share that my husband, Jimmy Cliff, has crossed over due to a seizure followed by pneumonia. I am thankful for his...



## NEW XANA ROMEO & MAX ROMEO SINGLE

I once had the pleasure of hearing Azana Makeda Smith, aka Xana Romeo, buss out a flawless operatic scale just as the birds were rising up. That was back when she was working on her second studio album, The Roots of X,...



## ALBUM REVIEW: DUB INC

With *Atlas*, *Dub Inc* chart a course that feels both assured and freshly drawn. Two decades in, they still lean into the mixture that shaped them – Reggae as a foundation, carried by multilingual, multicultural threads that run...

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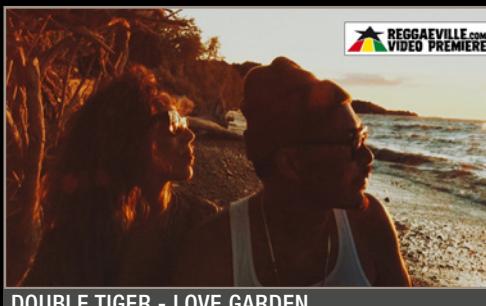
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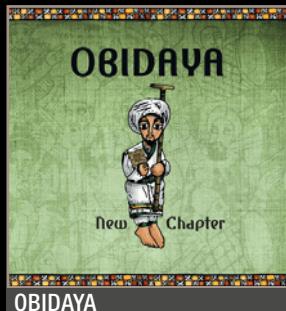


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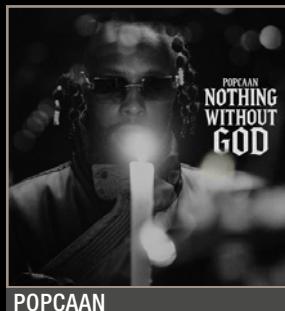
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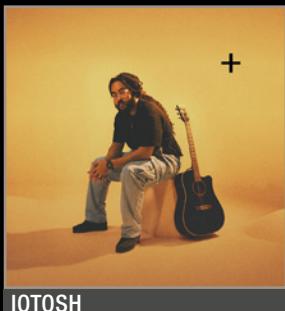
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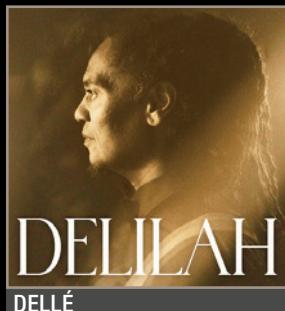
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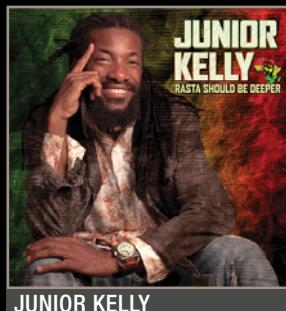
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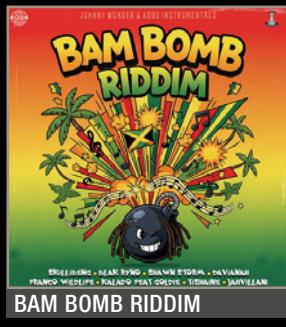
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OMAR PERRY IN BOCHUM, GERMANY

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## RISE UP JAMAICA RAISES €45,000

Thanks to the generosity of the audience, artists, and partners, the concert raised a total of €45,000. Every single euro donated was matched by the Summerjam Festival, significantly increasing the overall impact of the initiative.



## XANA ROMEO ANNOUNCES DOUBLE ALBUM

The Divine Blueprint marks a transformative new chapter for Xana Romeo, presenting the artist at her most intentional, expressive, and spiritually attuned. The album follows a profound journey of self discovery, tracing themes...



## ALBUM REVIEW: LËK SËN

Ever since I discovered his fantastic Sweet & Tuff in 2016, Senegalese artist Puppa Lëk Sën has been on my watch-list. After I Roots in 2022, he now presents his 7th studio album called Jèem, which means 'to try' in Wolof.



## SEAN PAUL RELEASES 'FAITH WE A KEEP'

Grammy Award-winning Dancehall Superstar Sean Paul will release his inspiring new single Faith We A Keep on Friday, December 12. A powerful musical offering, the single is dedicated to the people of Jamaica..



## AUSTIN REGGAE FESTIVAL DROPS 2026 LINEUP

Stephen Marley, Original Koffee, Iration, Protoje, Jesse Royal, Steel Pulse, Collie Buddz, Tribal Seeds, Zion Marley and more all feature at the city's beloved tribute to reggae culture. The Austin Reggae Festival is back...



## SUMMERJAM 2026 LINEUP ANNOUNCEMENT

The first 10 artists have been announced: Only 205 days to go until it's time to "Catch the Sun"! Then when some of the most celebrated names in reggae, dancehall, and hip-hop will take over the stages of the Summerjam...

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ARIWA POSSE & ABEL MILLER - WHERE WE BELONG



CHAKA DEMUS - A CHRISTMAS TIME



CHUKKI STARR - DON'T STRESS



SUNDUB & SCIENTIST - SPIRITS EAT MUSIC



DUB LOUNGE INTERNATIONAL - TAKE A WALK



LEAF OF LIFE - NO SACRIFICE

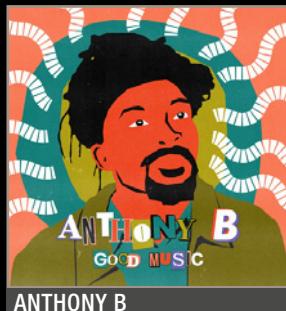


RAFAT AMPADU - SIKA

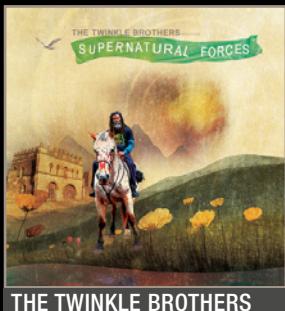


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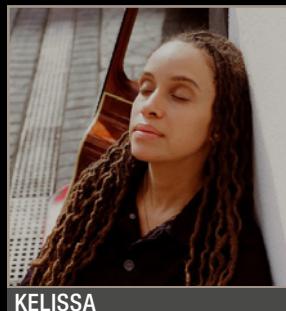
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THE TWINKLE BROTHERS



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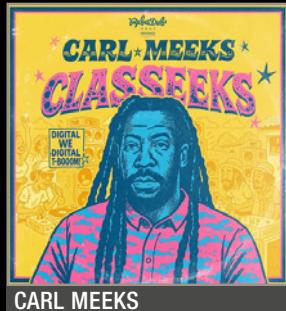
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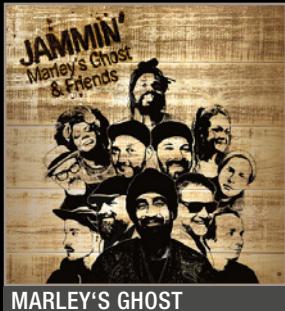
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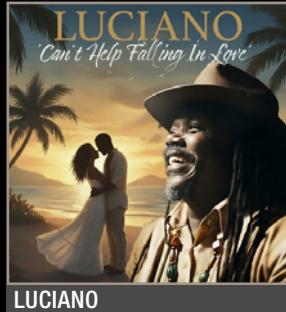
CARL MEEKS



MARLEY'S GHOST



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KUMAR FYAH IN COLOGNE, GERMANY @ RISE UP JAMAICA

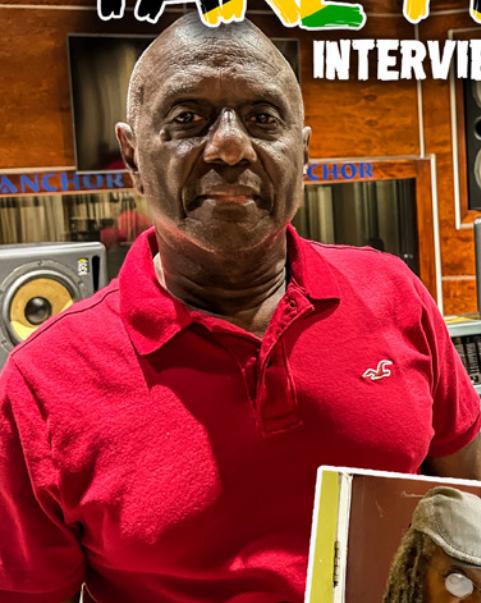


LUCIANO IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA @ JIMMY CLIFF MEMORIAL SERVICE REHEARSAL

Photos by Rune Fleiter & Steve James

# TAKE ME PLACES

## INTERVIEW SERIES



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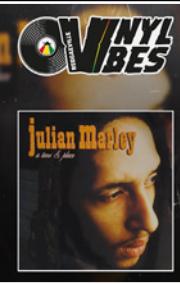
DAMIAN 'JR GONG' MARLEY - WELCOME TO JAMROCK

BEENIE MAN &amp; JANET JACKSON - FEEL IT BOY



ZIGGY MARLEY &amp; THE MELODY MAKERS - JOY &amp; BLUES

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JULIAN MARLEY - SYSTEMS



LLOYD PARKS - WINTER WONDERLAND

FRANKIE PAUL - MERRY CHRISTMAS

# ALBUM OF THE YEAR 2025

Like in previous years, we used an internal vote to find the most popular albums of the year. With a panel consisting of 55 reggae experts (including journalists, media professionals, festival organizers, booking agents, radio hosts, DJs, producers, and Team Reggaeville) from more than 20 different countries, we have managed to bring together a diverse cross-section again.

Participants submitted their 10 favorite albums of 2025 and the album with the most votes is: **EXILE!**

## VOTING PANEL:

**Amy Wachtel, Angus Taylor, Björn Fehrensen, BuyReggae.com, Celine Diels, Cologne Reggae, Cristy Barber, Crucial Steve, Der Dancehall Podcast, DJ Densen, DJ745, Gardy Stein, Ghaid Richeh, Helmut Philipps, HELP Jamaica!, Ireltes.de, Jah Live Agency, Jah Lion Radio, Jahmusic.cz, Jan Dreyer, Jesse I, Jessica Knight,**

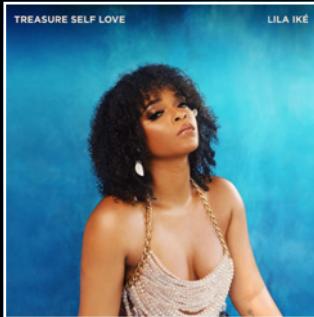


## #1 CHRONIXX EXILE (FOREVER LIVING ORIGINALS)

**John Masouri, Julian Schmidt, Junkyard, K-Jah Sound, Lanco-O, LUX 99, Marox, M. Peggy Quattro, Miroslaw 'Maken' Dzieciołowski, Mysta Crooks, Munchy, Nadia Montanari, Patricia Meschino, Pier Tosi, Reggae Jam Festival, Reggae Na Piaskach, Reggae-Vibes.com, Riddim Magazine, Riddim - The Agency, Robert Flake,**

**Roots Up Festival, Rune Fleiter, Silvia Marcello, Sista Irie, Sista Kappa, Steve James, Summerjam, Sven Schmich, The Yaadman Podcast, Tidouz, Topline Berlin, Turnpike Reggae Festival, Uppsala Reggae Festival.**

A total of 145 albums got mentioned. We present the **TOP10!**



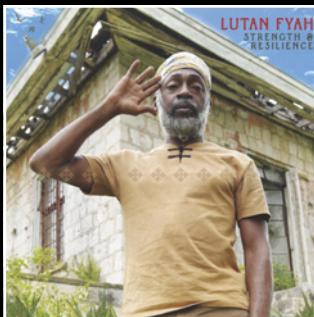
**#2 LILA IKÉ**  
TREASURE SELF LOVE  
(INEFFABLE RECORDS)



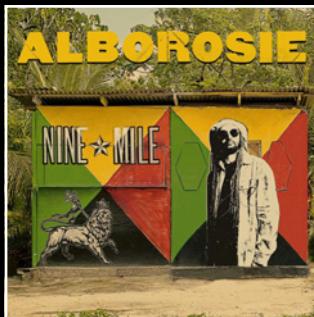
**#3 KEZNAMDI**  
BLXXD & FYAH  
(KEZNAMDI MUSIC GROUP)



**#4 JESSE ROYAL**  
NO PLACE LIKE HOME  
(EASY STAR RECORDS)



**#5 LUTAN FYAH**  
STRENGTH & RESILIENCE  
(I GRADE RECORDS)



**#6 ALBOROSIE**  
NINE MILE  
(VP MUSIC GROUP)



**#7 YEZA**  
STAR OF THE EAST  
(RORYSTONELOVE / BLACK DUB)



**#8 RIK JAM**  
THE GENESIS  
(IRIE YUTE TAPES)

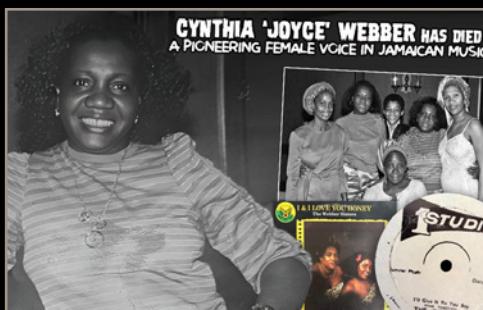
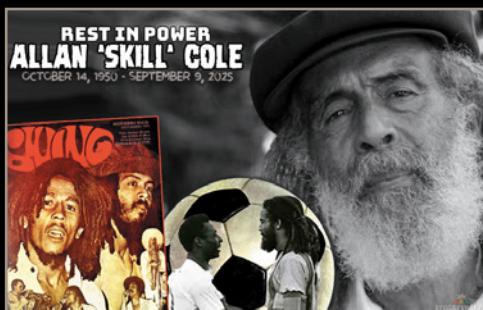
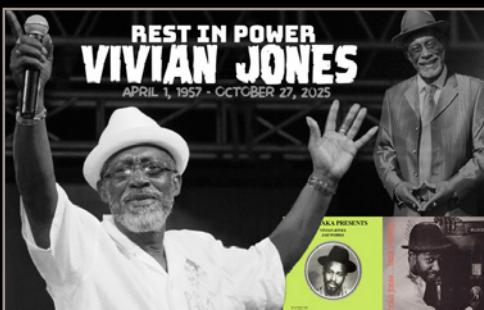
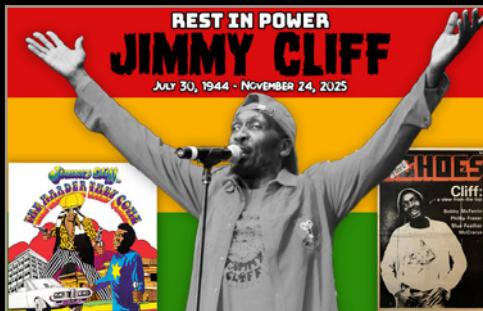


**#9 HECTOR ROOTS LEWIS**  
COSMIC ROOTS  
(INEFFABLE RECORDS)



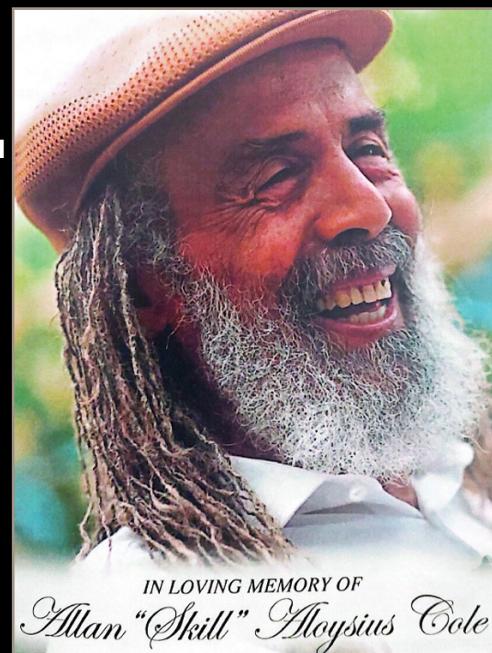
**#10 HOLLIE COOK**  
SHY GIRL  
(MR BONGO)

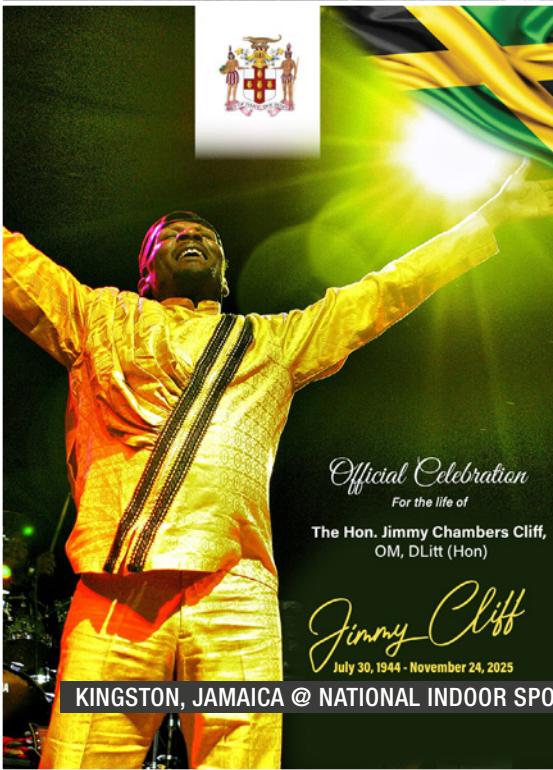
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ALLAN 'SKILL' COLE  
 BARRINGTON 'BARRY G' GORDON  
 COCOA TEA  
 CYNTHIA 'JOYCE' WEBBER  
 DANNY ENGLISH  
 DAVID 'SAMMY' GLYNN  
 DETERMINE  
 EDDIE 'TAN TAN' THORNTON  
 FIJI  
 HOPETON JAMES  
 JAH FABIO  
 JIMMY CLIFF  
 JOE LICKSHOT  
 JORDAN 'DUTTY HEART' JONES  
 JUGGLA  
 JUNIOR BYLES  
 KEN PARKER  
 KID GRINGO  
 LEANDER 'PIONEAR' TOPP  
 LEROY GIBBONS  
 MATTHIAS 'SCHOCKER' SCHOJOHANN  
 MAX ROMEO  
 NAÂMAN  
 NATHAN SKYERS  
 OWEN GRAY  
 PRILY HAMILTON  
 PRODUCER AJAL  
 RANKINE JEDD  
 SHELDON 'CALIBUD' STEWART  
 SIDNEY THORPE  
 STANLEY 'BARNABAS' BRYAN  
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