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INTERNATIONAL REGGAE & WORLD MUSIC AWARDS

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40th IRAWMA – SALUTING DANCEHALL MUSIC OVER 50 YEARS –1960s TO PRESENT. THE SOUND SYSTEM DANCE PARTY DJs WILL ROCK- 2023!

SPECIAL AWARDS OF HONOR RECIPIENTS - 2023– 40th IRAWMA

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This, Special Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of IRAWMA (International Reggae and World Music Awards) will be held/broadcasted from Jamaica on Sunday, May 7, 2023. The theme for this year's IRAWMA is "Reggae Rise." (#reggaerise, #reggae&worldmusicstillrise, #reggaeawards),

SPECIAL AWARDS

RESPECT, HONOR & APPRECIATION TO WHAT AND WHO MAKE JAMAICA

A. SPECIAL Marcus Garvey Humanitarian Award:

1. Hon. Minister Olivia “Babsy” Grange, OJ, OD, CD, MP,

For more than 50 years, she has been an untiring and devoted servant who has been making extra-ordinary contributions to the people Jamaica, and overseas. Most of all the culture, entertainment, and sports communities, without ever getting weary. Her humanitarian contributions, personally and via way of her Ministries since the deadly COVID-19 Pandemic is beyond the call of any duties. From funerals to the needy and to all events that matter for those in the entertainers, sports, culture, church and other Arenas, Minister presence can always be felt.

B. Special: Philanthropist Awards –

2. **Josef Bagdanovich**
3. **Usain Bolt**

C. Special: Martin’s International/IRAWMA Honor

4. **Copeland Forbes, OD, Author, Reggae Historian-** Over 60 years of Extraordinary Contributions the music Industry and the Most Popular Reggae Book “Reggae My Life Is”

D. Special Honors-

5. **Peter Tosh** Posthumously, for his work in the Global Legalization of Medical Marijuana
6. **Best Entertainer over four Generations - Marcia Griffiths** (for over sixty consecutive years, as the most dedicated, untiring and Consistent Entertainer for in the evolution of Jamaican and Reggae Music)
7. **Most Consistent Entertainer over six Decades – Freddy McGregor**
8. **Best Male Voice Over four Decades Beres Hammond**
9. **Master of Sound Systems-Dancehall Ruler for 5 Decades– Stone Love**
10. **Ms. Pat Chin - VP Records, formerly Randy’s Record Mart - Most Valuable Reggae Institution-** serving Jamaica music industry worldwide for more than 60 years.

E. Inductee (s) IRAWMA Hall of Fame/Lifetime Achievement Award

11. **Beenie Man-** Over 40 years of untiring and extraordinary contributions to reggae music internationally.
12. **Bounty Killer-** Over 30 years of untiring and extraordinary contributions to reggae music internationally.

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13. Sharon Burke - IRAWMA Lifetime Achievement Award for Extraordinary Contributions to the Reggae Music Industry over the Decades

F. SPECIAL: Award for Outstanding Media Contributions:

- 14. Dynasty Award to Daily Gleaner Newspaper as the world's oldest daily paper - 189 years serving readers in Jamaica, North America, and Europe. Covering various music, arts, and culture.**
- 15. Desmond Allen- For 50 years of Journalistic service, the founding Editor of the Jamaica Observer Newspaper**, and a foundation member of this IRAWMA Awards.
- 16. Mutabaruka- For five Decades of Extraordinary Contributions to Jamaica and the African Diaspora, everywhere with words, sound, power, music, and media worldwide**
- 17. Yasmin Peru – For over 30 years of contributions to entertainment Journalism.**
- 18. Bobby Clark/Lou Grant- IRIE JAM/Bridge FM Radio for thirty years of outstanding contributions to the growth of reggae and Jamaican culture.**
- 19. RBA Publishing- Kaati Gaffney-** For over 30 years of extraordinary media contributions to reggae and world music. (Contact- Kaati Gaffney <rbapublishing@gmail.com
- 20. George “G.T.” Taylor – Entertainer, Comedian and Dancemaster and Radio DJ. – For over 50 years of contributions to Jamaican music and culture,**
- 21. Reggaeville- Julian Schmidt – The Guru of Reggae news and information over 10 years.**

****Other Special Awards may be added for the Salute to Dancehall on the night of the Awards****