

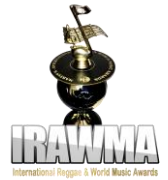


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**40th IRAWMA – SALUTING DANCEHALL MUSIC OVER 60 YEARS –1960s TO PRESENT. THE SOUND SYSTEM DANCE PARTY DJs WILL ROCK- 2023!**

## SPECIAL AWARDS OF HONOR RECIPIENTS - 2023– 40th IRAWMA

THANKS FOR HELPING US TO SELECT THE FOLLOWING STALWARTS OF REGGAE & JAMAICAN CULTURE.  
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*This, Special Celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> 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),*

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### 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.

##### B. Special: Philanthropist Awards –

2. Josef Bogdanovich
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.
11. **Spice – Global Queen of Dancehall**
12. **Gramps Morgan – "Most Inspiring, Spiritual, Educational, Uplifting Reggae & World Music Ambassador Since Covid-19 Pandemic."**
13. **Kabaka Pyramid –Most Conscious and Progressive World Music Entertainer- 2022**
14. **Cherry Natural – Most Outstanding Female Poet & For 30 Years of Extraordinary Contributions to Spoken Word**
15. **Yasus Afari - For 30 Years of Extraordinary Contributions to Spoken Word.**

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

- 16. Beenie Man- Over 40 years of untiring and extraordinary contributions to reggae music internationally.**
- 17. Bounty Killer- Over 30 years of untiring and extraordinary contributions to reggae music internationally.**
- 18. Sharon Burke - IRAWMA Lifetime Achievement Award for Extraordinary Contributions to the Reggae Music Industry over the Decades**

## **F. SPECIAL: Award for Outstanding Media Contributions:**

- 19. 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.**
- 20. Desmond Allen- For 50 years of Journalistic service, the founding Editor of the Jamaica Observer Newspaper**, and a foundation member of this IRAWMA Awards.
- 21. Mutabaruka- For five Decades of Extraordinary Contributions to Jamaica and the African Diaspora, everywhere with words, sound, power, music, and media worldwide**
- 22. Yasmin Peru – For over 30 years of contributions to entertainment Journalism.**
- 23. Bobby Clark/Lou Grant- IRIE JAM/Bridge FM Radio for thirty years of outstanding contributions to the growth of reggae and Jamaican culture.**
- 24. Reggae Festival Guide (powered by RBA Publishing)- Kaati Gaffney-** For over 30 years of extraordinary media contributions to reggae and world music. (Contact- Kaati Gaffney<rbapublishing@gmail.com
- 25. George “G.T.” Taylor – Entertainer, Comedian and Dance master and Radio DJ. – For over 50 years of contributions to Jamaican music and culture,**
- 26. Reggaeville- Julian Schmidt – The Guru of Reggae news and information over 10 years.**

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