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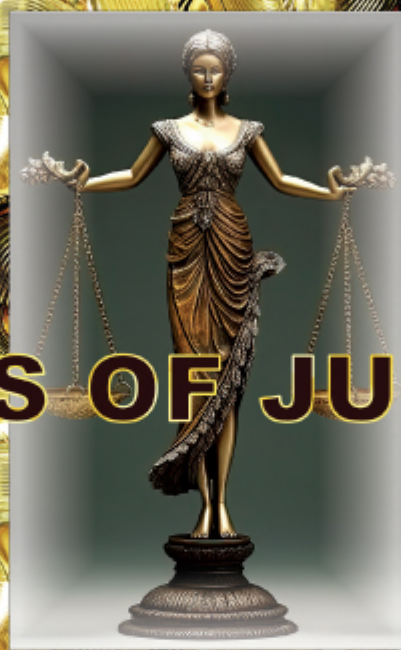
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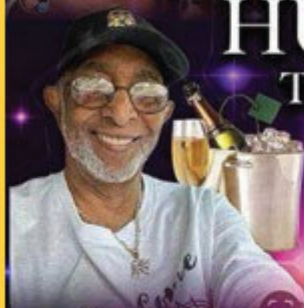
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EPHRAIM M. MARTIN

President's Message

Whose Story? My Story, Their Story, IRAWMA Story, DuSable Story, Reggae/World Music Story, Nelson Mandela and South Africa stories. Yes, it is still about the International Reggae and World Music Awards. But, these are stories that can be told tonight, but will be told in the future. Just download the Martin's International Events app in your play store, also, follow us at martinsinternational.com and all our special events, where before long the stories will be told.

In this year 2024 and tonight, as I celebrate my 50th Golden Anniversary in journalism, entertainment and the social justice movement, please allow me, on behalf of my wife, Justice Shelvin Louise Marie Hall, our daughter, Dana Martin, sponsors, advertisers, staff, interns and volunteers of Martin's International, to welcome you to this Reggae and World Music's biggest night of honors, our 41st Anniversary of IRAWMA (International Reggae and World Music Awards).

In 1982 when IRAWMA was launched, our objectives were to honour reggae achievers, to use the music as a vehicle for the freedom of ANC leader Nelson Mandela, for an end to

Apartheid in South Africa, and for Freedom and democracy throughout the world. In those days reggae represented the voice of the people and responded to the cry for equal rights and justice everywhere.

Now 41 years later, through it all, we are still here celebrating our great reggae and world music achievers! The global Pandemic forced us to go virtual with the 38th and 39th IRAWMA. We returned to Jamaica last year with a grand celebration of our 40th Anniversary. Now We are here again for the 8th time in 41 years, celebrating live reggae, world music and social justice achievers. What a joy!

Nominated by our panel of music industry experts, and voted on by the more than 300,000 fans to select the winners in all the categories, some 150 industry members were nominated in forty categories; while, fifteen Special Honors will be awarded to those who have contributed greatly to the industry. Tonight, we will know who will take home all the IRAWMA's for 2023.

The Global Pandemic and the gruesome killing of George Floyd, forced our organization, Martin's International and its Black Heroes Matter Coalition to return to its social justice objectives to end Systemic Racism, everywhere.

As some of you have seen on the national news across the country. On June 25, 2021, through the power of reggae and world music we won an historic victory that for the first time in 240 years, that gave proper respect and honor to Chicago's Founding Father, DuSable, the Black man from the Caribbean country of Haiti who founded Chicago in 1779, when Mayor Lightfoot joined Martin's International- Black Heroes Matter, and ordinance sponsors, Alderman David Moore and Alderperson Sophia King, along with 33 City Council members to rename one of the country's most iconic street, LSD, as the Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable Lake Shore Drive.

Tonight's event is also, dedicated to Health Advocacy, and we want to thank all the participants in yesterday's Health Advocacy Seminar held in the lobby of this building. For the strengthening of Martin's International objectives, we are appealing to all of you, for your tax-deductible donation and/or sponsorship support at www.irawma.com or www.martinsinternational.com.

Finally, let me express our sincere thanks to our sponsors, VP Records, Chateau Mar Golf Resort, Sheraton Suite Fort Lauderdale Hotel, our category and team sponsors, our dedicated staff, volunteers, advertisers, donors, media, and fans for helping to make the annual IRAWMA successful for over forty consecutive years, especially, tonight's event!

Now, upon our objective of "Bringing Nations Together Through Music and Culture," and our motto, "Unity is Strength, Forward Together Reggae/World Music Shall Conquer", we hope that you will enjoy this evening of appreciation, honor, and respect to its fullest.

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Reggae and World Music's biggest night of honors, the 41st hosting of the International Reggae and World Music Awards (IRAWMA) will make a grand return to South Florida for the eighth time in 41 years. The 41st IRAWMA and will be held at the prestigious Lauderhill Performing Arts Center (LPAC) in Lauderhill, Florida.

Teejay, Christopher Martin, Glen Washington, Sharon Marley, D'Angel, Ajazeze(Nigeria), Naomi Achu(Cameroon), Nonini(Kenya), Sons of Mystro, Sharon Wiles, Vision Band, and many more are expected to be among the performers, presenting and those walking the IRAWMA red carpet for a night filled with glitz and glamour. Comedian Julie Mango, Latin band leader, Tito Puente Jr and TV/Radio personality, media Professor Candice Buchanan will host the star-studded event.

Two special tribute performances are planned. Sharon Marley will honor her mother, the Honorable Dr. Alferita Marley O.J., O.D, LITT who will receive the IRAWMA Philanthropist Award; and Chino McGregor will honor his dad, Freddie McGregor, OD who will receive the IRAWMA Diamond Award.

Some 150 nominees in 39 categories, and 15 special honorees were named for the 41st International Reggae and World Music Awards (IRAWMA). Five new categories were added for the 41st IRAWMA: Best Singjay Artist, Dancehall Performer of the Year, Best African Entertainer, Best Social Media Content Creator, and Best Social Media Entertainer Influencer. The leading IRAWMA nominees include: Masicka, Sean Paul & Teejay(7 nods); Byron Messia, Burna Boy and PopCaan(5 nods); Dexta Daps, Spice and Valiant(4 nods); Beenie Man, Chronic Law, Koffee, D'Angel, Mavado, Davido, 450 & Pablo YG(3 nods).

Special honorees include: Honorable Dr. Alferita Marley O.J., O.D, LITT will receive the IRAWMA Philanthropist Award; Attorney Ben Crump will receive the IRAWMA

Freedom Fighter Honor; Freddie McGregor, OD, McGregor along with the late Jacob Miller will receive the IRAWMA Diamond Award. IRAWMA Lifetime Achievement/Hall of Fame Inductees include: veteran vocalist, Glen Washington; VP Records CEO, Chris Chin and Dancehall singjay, Papa San. For their philanthropy efforts, Sharon Wiles will receive the Marcus Garvey Humanitarian Award and D' Angel will receive the IRAWMA Community/Humanitarian Award. Tullah Carter, Clinton Lindsay, Honorebel Apache, Mr. Vegas, Paul Rossi Lee and Amy Wachtel will receive the IRAWMA Award of Honor.

Three finalists vying are for bragging rights to wear the crown for the Best IRAWMA Video Song including: Ajazeze from Nigeria, with his video song "One Blood-IRAWMA Keeping Us Together"; Gold Mynd, from British Columbia with song "From Trench Town Soul, Now The World Is Home"; and Ras Daan Jah from Belgium with "IRAWMA Story".

Although only in his sixties, Dr. Ephraim Martin, President and Producer of IRAWMA is celebrating his Golden 50th anniversary in media, entertainment, and social justice activism. Dedicated to "Health Awareness, the 41st IRAWMA is also sponsoring a free Health Advocacy Seminar on March 21st, the eve of the IRAWMA at the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center (LPAC).

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IRAWMA Producer Ephraim Martin Celebrates *50th Golden Anniversary*

Martin's International founder and president, Dr. Ephraim Martin, producer of the historic annual IRAWMA (International Reggae and World Music Awards); Chicago Music Awards, the African/Caribbean International Festival of Life (IFOL) and the JSVFest celebrated his 50th Anniversary in media, music and social justice activism.

The former photojournalist, who is only in his 60s started his career in 1974 at the Jamaica Daily Gleaner, and Star Newspapers, while later working at the Chicago Defender Newspaper. The late Bob Marley, Jacob Miller and Peter initially lit the spark in Ephraim to produce a Reggae Award event. He also received support from Pops Staples and the Staples Singers, Dennis Brown, Yellowman, Freddie McGregor, Muta-baruka, G.T. Taylor, Judy Mowatt and others.

On May 1, 1982 (May Day) the International Reggae and World Music Awards (IRAWMA) and the Chicago Music Awards(CMA) were born, honoring Reggae and World Music entertainers. The objective was to use Reggae as an art form and as a vehicle of expression for the voiceless peoples of the world. Martin also called for an end to Apartheid, the freedom of Nelson Mandela and democracy throughout the world. In 1993, Martin established the African/Caribbean International Festival of Life (IFOL), an annual music event seeking to "bring nations together through music and culture." In 2015, during the 35th IRAWMA, Martin set a record for producing over 100 annual award and festival events.

Following the death of George Floyd, Ephraim established the Black Heroes Matter Coalition(BHM), under his Martin's International umbrella. Along with his wife, retired Illinois Appellate Court Justice, Hon. Shelvin L.M. Hall, 80 other organizations and 33 Chicago City Alderpersons, led to the renaming of the iconic Lake Shore Drive to Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable Lake Shore Drive. DuSable was a Haitian native who in 1779 is acknowledged as the founder of Chicago.

Martin has received numerous awards in the music, entertainment, promotion, journalism, social-activist realm. In 2022, he was awarded the Jamaica National of Badge of Honor for Meritorious Service. The highest honor and most heartfelt, patriotic award he received from his homeland, Jamaica. As a leader, Martin comes well-qualified for business. He earned a PhD in Business Administration, a Master of Science in Business Administration (MSBA).

Dr. Martin will celebrate his "golden" anniversary at all of his 2024 events including: the 41st IRAWMA on March 22, in Fort Lauderdale, South Florida; the 31st African/Caribbean International Festival of Life, July 4th - 7th in Chicago; the 42nd Chicago Music Awards and the 8th Annual Jerk, Seafood and Vegan Fest (JSVFest).



Giving Keynote address at LLU Graduation



With Peter Tosh and friends in Chicago - 1984



Giving IRAWMA Special Honor to Dancehall Queen Spice



Talks DuSable with Mayor Lightfoot 3-4-2022



With Secretary Hillary Clinton in Montgomery 12-



Received National Badge of Honor for Governor General of Jamaica.

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Tito Puente Jr
Professor Candice Buchanan

Performers

Spice
Teejay
Christopher Martin
Valiant
Dr. Rita Marley Salute - Sharon Marley
Freddy McGregor, OD Special Tribute by Chino
& Friends
Glen Washington
Sharon Wiles
D'Angel
Naomi Achachu
Nonini

Vision Band
Pablo YG
Sons of Mystro
African Intl Nabtry Dancers
Marcia Jackson
Stanman and Soso
Byron Messia
Sharon Wiles
LP International
Sherwin DeVertile
IRAWMA Song Contest finalists:- Ajaeze, Gold
Mynd, Ras Daan Jah

Special Honorees

Hon. Dr. Alferita Marley O.J, O.D, LITT
Atty Ben Crump
Freddie McGregor, OD
Jacob Miller
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Friday, March 22, 2024

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RED CARPET

7:00 PM

Red Carpet arrivals of performers, presenters, special honorees, media and VIP ticket holders
VIP Reception for nominees, performers, presenters, special honorees, media and VIP ticket holders.

7:55 PM

Flashback audio/Video from previous IRAWMA's

8:00 PM

Seating of presenters and performers

8:25 PM

IRAWMA welcome

8:30 PM

Introduction of Hosts & Opening Remarks

Opening Performance

Greetings

Welcome to Lauderdale

IRAWMA President/Producer's Remarks by Ephraim M. Martin

IRAWMA PROGRAM SUBJECT TO MINOR CHANGES

Showtime//Performance

Presentation of Award(s)

Presentation of Award(s)

Showtime//Performance

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Health Advocacy Seminar Educates and Empowers

By Julia Lewis-Spann

It's no secret that healthcare is in a crisis.

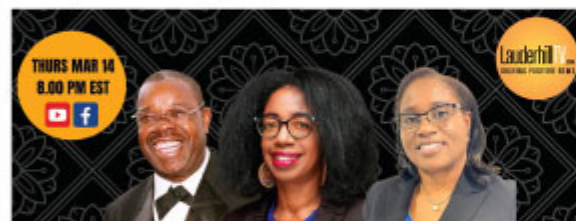
Many of our men and women are suffering from diseases that could have been prevented if there was better access to care. While there is a lot of information, the ability to actually receive the care is often compromised by cultural, social and economic barriers.

The free Health Advocacy Seminar sponsored by the 41st Annual International Reggae and World Music Awards (IRAWMA) organizers from Martin's International Events is the first of its kind being offered to empower, educate and uplift our community — especially our talented musicians, performers, artists and their community supporters and fans.

Comedienne Julie Mango, mental health advocate and IRAWMA awards presenter has often emphasized the importance of paying attention to our mental health by having these conversations and getting help.



Julia Lewis-Spann



Elected officials and community leaders from the host city — City of Lauderhill and surrounding municipalities will be in attendance to provide information on resources to benefit you, your family and friends.

Resources such as grants, financial assistance, immigration, Medicare, Medicaid, health insurance, disability, long term care, senior care, help for caregivers, hospice, memory care and more will be discussed.

Participants will also enjoy hands-on activities for fun fitness, food, healthy lifestyle and lifesaving techniques. These include: CPR, health screenings, chiropractic exercises, breathing and mindfulness meditation, music, water as medicine, and food as medicine — with food and drink samples provided.

Take the time to stop by this free event Thursday, March 21, 2024, 10am to 4pm at the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center located at 3800 NW 11th Place, Lauderhill/Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311.

Reserve your free tickets now at: www.IRAWMA.com/health

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1. Emperor of Reggae & World Music –
Hon. Bob Marley Award for Entertainer
of the Year

* Koffee
* Masicka
* PopCaan
* Sean Paul
* Shaggy

2. Peter Tosh Award for Recording Artist
of the Year

* Masicka
* PopCaan
* Sean Paul
* Teejay
* Valiant

3. Jacob Miller Award for Best Male
Vocalist

* Christopher Martin
* Chronixx
* Dexta Daps
* Romain Virgo
* Tarrus Riley

4. Best Female Vocalist

* Etana
* Jada Kingdom
* Lila Ike
* Shaniel Muir
* Stalk Ashley

5. Gregory Isaacs Award for Best Song

* "Tyrant" - Masicka
* "21 Psalm" - Mavado
* "Drift" - Teejay
* "Talibans" - Byron Messia
* "Mad Out" - Valiant

6. Toots Hibbert Award for Best
Album/CD

* "Destiny" - Alborosie
* "Simma" - Beenie Man
* "No Destroyer" - Burning Spear
* "Color of Royal" - Julian Marley
* "Generation of Kings" - Masicka

7. Best Crossover Song

* "Talibans" - Byron Messia & Burna Boy
* "Hallelujah Heaven", Jeymes Samuel
Featuring Lil Wayne, Buju Banton,
Shabba Ranks
* "We Caa Done" - PopCaan featuring
Drake

* "Unavailable" - Davido, Sean Paul and
Ding Dong featuring Musa Keys

* "Drift" (Remix) - Teejay Featuring
Davido

8. Hon. Shelvin L.M. Hall/Hon. L. Priscilla
Hall Award for Best Gospel Entertainer

* "Goodness of God" - Christopher
Martin
* "Control My Mind" - Jermaine Edwards
* "Call Him" - Kevin Downswell Featuring
Bounty Killer
* "Strong Faith" - Kevin Heath
* "Sorry To Hurt Your Feelings" - Minister
Marion Hall

9. Best EP (Extended Play) Recording

* "Time Bomb" - Bounty Killer and Baby
Cham
* "Holiday" - Problem Child
* "Mad Love" - Sean Paul
* "In The Mood" - Shaggy
* "A Gift From Me To You" - Valiant

10. U-Roy Award for Best Male
Dancehall/DJ Rapper

* Alkaline
* Chronic Law
* Masicka
* Sean Paul
* Teejay

11. Best Female Dancehall/Rap Artist

* D' Angel
* Jada Kingdom
* Shenseea
* Shaniel Muir
* Spice
* Stefflon Don

12. Best New Entertainer

* 450
* Byron Messia
* Najeerli
* Pablo YG
* Yung Bredda

13. Best Calypso/Soca Entertainer

* Bunji Garlin
* Kes
* Mr. Killa
* Nailah Blackman
* Patrice Roberts

14. Onstage TV Award for Best Dance-
hall Stagecraft Entertainer

* Beenie Man
* Dexta Daps
* Masicka
* Teejay
* Spice

15. Best Singjay Entertainer

* 450
* Alkaline
* Chronic Law
* Dexta Daps
* Koffee

16. Dancehall Performer of the Year

* Masicka
* Mavado
* Spice
* Teejay
* Valiant

17. Best Latin Reggaeton Entertainer

* Bad Bunny - Puerto Rico
* Daddy Yankee - Puerto Rico
* Jhayco - Puerto Rico
* Karol G. - Colombia
* Raul Alejandro - Puerto Rico

18. Best African Dancehall Entertainer

* Patoranking - Nigeria
* Redsan - Kenya
* Star zee - Sierra Leone
* Shatta Wale - Ghana
* Stonebwoy - Ghana
* Winky D - Zimbabwe/South Africa

19. Best Afrobeat's Entertainer

* Ajaze - Nigeria
* Diamond Platnumz - Tanzania
* Flavour - Nigeria
* Naomi Adu - Cameroon
* WizKid - Nigeria

20. Best African Entertainer

* Angélique Kidjo - Benin
* Awilo Longomba - Congo RDC
* Burna Boy - Nigeria
* Eddy Kenzo - Uganda
* Fally Ipupa - Congo RDC
* Nonini - Kenya

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21. Best Collaborated Song (Reggae with R&B, Rap, Latin, etc.)

- * "Drift Remix" - Teejay & Davido
- * "Gimme" - Sam Smith featuring Koffee and Jessie Reyez
- * "Hallelujah Heaven" - Jeymes Samuel Featuring Lil Wayne, Buju Banton, Shabba Ranks
- * "Talibans II" - Byron Messia & Burna Boy
- * "We Caa Done" - Popcaan featuring Drake

22. Best Reggae Rock Entertainer

- * Skrillex
- * Soja
- * Stick Figure
- * The Elovaters
- * The Movement

23. Best Teen Entertainer (13-19 yrs. old)

- * DJ Switch - Ghanaian
- * Kairo McLean - Canada
- * Qing Madi - Nigerian
- * Najeerli - Jamaica
- * Pablo YG - Jamaica

24. Best Music Video

- * "Talibans II" - Byron Messia & Burna Boy
- * "Proud" - Chronic Law
- * "21 Psalm" - Mavado
- * "Aboboyaa" - PopCaan featuring Burna Boy
- * "Know Why" - Skillibeng

25. Mutabaruka Award for Best Poet/Spoken Word Entertainer

- * Craig Kirkland aka Amaziyah The Great
- * Kenton The Poet
- * Marcia Jackson
- * Ras Takura
- * Richie Innocent

26. Bunny Waller Award for Most Cultural/Educational Entertainer

- * Gramps Morgan
- * History Man
- * Kabaka
- * Mutabaruka
- * Tarrus Riley

27. Dennis Brown Award for Most Promising Entertainer

- * 450
- * Katelin Sultan
- * Ras Daan Jah
- * Pablo YG
- * Rajah Wild

28. 25th Century Radio Award for Best Instrumentalist

- * Dean Fraser
- * Bongo Herman
- * Dwight Pinkney
- * Masego
- * Sons of Mistro

29. Best Sound System/DJ

- * Bass Odyssey - Jamaica
- * David Rodigan - London
- * Jah Works- Japan
- * L.P. International - New York
- * Stone Love- Jamaica

30. Most Outstanding Dance Group

- * Hectic Dymond - Jamaica
- * Immortals - Jamaica
- * Nabtry International Cultural Dancers - Africa/USA
- * North Coast Boys - Jamaica
- * Uptek Dance Academy - Ghana

31. Best Caribbean Entertainer- Sponsored by VP Records

- * Bennie Man
- * Dexta Daps
- * Machel Montano
- * Roody Roodboy
- * Sean Paul

32. Jean B. P. DuSable Award for Best Haitian Entertainer

- * Bedjine and Kadilak
- * Roody Roodboy
- * Rutchelle Guillaume
- * TonyMix
- * Zafe'm

33. Record Producer of the Year

- * Alexx Antaeus
- * Colin "Bulby"
- * Dunwell Production

* Romelch
* RVssian

34. Comedian of the Year

- * Dale Elliott
- * Julie Mango
- * Leighton Smith
- * Rohan Gunter
- * White Yardie

35. Concert of the Year

- * Afro Nation Miami
- * Reggae Rise Up Florida
- * Reggae Sumfest
- * Reggae Sundance
- * Rototom Sunsplash

36. Best Social Media Entertainer Influencer

- * D'Angel
- * Sean Paul
- * Spice
- * Twins of Twins (Paul Tulox Gaynor)
- * Wayne Marshall and Tami Chin

37. Best Social Media Content Creator-Influencer

- * Julie Mango
- * OnStage TV- Winford Williams
- * Quite Perry (Rohan Perry)
- * Sleek
- * Ton Travels

38. Florida Entertainer of the Year

- * Causion
- * Code Red Band
- * Sons of Mistro
- * Visions Band
- * Yosefus

39. Florida Best Party DJs - 2023

- * DJ Don Hot
- * DJ Rufus
- * DJ. Tony Mix
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IRAWMA Philanthropist Award

Hon. Dr. Alferita Marley

O.J., O.D., LITT

It is no coincidence that the talented young Rita Anderson was destined to become a cornerstone of the musical Marley family. Bob Marley is the King of Reggae, and his wife, The Honorable Dr. Alferita Marley O.J., O.D., LITT, (affectionately called 'Rita') provided him with vocal support as a

member of the I-Threes. Rita Marley also forged a career in her own right as a solo artist. Her catalog of hits includes One Draw, Harambe, Lion & the Lamb, Good Girls Culture, and Just One More Morning. As the matriarch of the Marley family, Dr. Marley wears many hats and has been instrumental in the initiation and completion of great works. In 1986, she had the vision and wisdom to transform Bob Marley's house at 56 Hope Road in Kingston, Jamaica into the Bob Marley Museum. Dr. Marley's purchase of the former Federal Records at 220 Marcus Garvey Drive and subsequent relocation of Tuff Gong International to this new address set the stage for Tuff Gong to become a leader in the recording, manufacturing, and distribution of music in Jamaica, the Caribbean, and the world. She is the Founder and Chairperson of the Bob Marley Foundation, Bob Marley Museum, Tuff Gong International, and the Rita Marley Foundation. Dr. Marley continues to honor her commitment to the works of her husband, her children, and her people by fulfilling her mission to enlighten, educate and entertain through her philanthropy and music. In 1996 the Jamaican government awarded her the Order of Distinction (OD) for her outstanding works and accomplishments. In 2004, Mrs. Rita Marley was awarded Personality of the Year in Ghana in recognition of her work through the Rita Marley Foundation. In 2011 Mrs. Rita Marley O.D. was awarded the prestigious Honorable Marcus Garvey Lifetime Achievement Award at the Caribbean American Heritage Awards. Mrs. Rita Marley O.D. was bestowed the Living Legends Awards at the 2012 African International Media Summit (AIMS) in Malawi. The International Women's Forum honored Mrs. Rita Marley O.D. in 2012 with the Leading Light Award for her work in music and charity. In 2013 Mrs. Rita Marley O.D. received an honorary Ghanaian citizenship from the government of Ghana, West Africa for her philanthropic work with assisting the poor and needy.

IRAWMA Freedom Fighter Award

Ben Crump

Attorney Ben Crump is referred to as Black America's Attorney General. Through a steadfast dedication to justice and service, renowned civil rights-Benjamin Crump has established himself as one of the nation's foremost lawyers and advocates for social justice. His legal acumen has ensured that those marginalized in American society are protected by their nation's contract with its constituency. He is the founder and principal owner of Ben Crump Law.

Crump's tireless advocacy has led to legislation preventing excessive force and developing implicit bias training and policies. He has represented families in several high-profile civil rights cases including Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown and Stephon Clark, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Robbie Tolan and Henrietta Lacks. Most recently, Attorney Crump has helped reach historic settlements and verdicts for families that have faced injustices. Crump won a \$411 million verdict for Duane Washington who was horribly injured in a truck accident; a \$641 million settlement for the children of Flint, Michigan; a \$27 million settlement for the family of George Floyd; a \$12 million settlement for the family of Breonna Taylor, and over \$200 million in settlements in banking while Black cases, among others. Crump is the President of the National Civil Rights Trial Lawyers Association and previously served as President of the National Bar Association. He was the first African-American to chair the Florida State University College of Law Board of Directors and is the founder and director of the Benjamin Crump Social Justice Institute. In 2023, the College of Law at St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida, became the Benjamin L. Crump College of Law. Attorney Crump has been recognized with the NAACP Thurgood Marshall Award, the SCLC Martin Luther King Servant Leader Award, the American Association for Justice Johnnie Cochran Award, and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Eleanor Roosevelt Medallion for Service.



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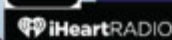
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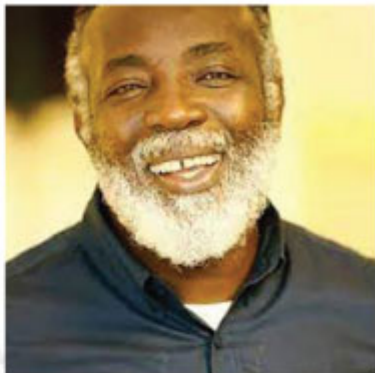
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Freddie McGregor

IRAWMA Diamond Award

Freddie McGregor's began his career at age seven, singing backup for a local ska harmony duo called the Clarendonians. He made his first recording at 10 under the name "Little Freddie or "Young Freddie" and as a duo with Ernest Wilson aka "Freddie & Fitsy". McGregor stayed at Studio One for much of the '70s. He sang lead for groups like Generation Gap and Soul Syndicate, and recorded off and on as a solo act during the '70s. For the past five decades, McGregor has been one of Reggae's vocal front-runners. He is known for songs "Big Ship", "Just Don't Want to be Lonely", and "I'm A Winner". McGregor has recorded more than 40 albums. The Big Ship Label founder was nominated for the *Best Reggae Album* at the Grammy Awards in 2002. McGregor released the single "Don't Tell Me No", in collaboration with Colombian reggae-fusion rock band Locos Por Juana, and *Jah Is on My Mind*, produced by UK-based Stingray Records. He was conferred with the Order of Distinction in 2003 by the Jamaican Government for his contribution to music. McGregor kept a regular worldwide touring schedule, but his work in the studio shifted to mentoring his producer sons Stephen "Di Genius" and Chino. Chino is a dancehall vocalist as well. McGregor suffered a stroke in 2022, but remains active with the release of tracks like the doo wop-flavored single "Let Them Talk," and collaborative tracks with Chaka Demus, the Mighty Diamonds, and Fragma Ranks. Freddie McGregor-Grammy Nominated Reggae Singer-Songwriter, Producer, Musician, Entrepreneur, Philanthropist, Dedicated Dad, Nature Fanatic and Patriot Jamaican.



Jacob Miller

IRAWMA Diamond Award

Reggae singer, songwriter and drummer, Jacob Miller earned the title "Killa" because he "killed" all competitors in concerts with his mighty opera style vocals and as a top showman and great personality. At just thirteen years old, he recorded three songs at Studio One, most notably "Love is a Message". He later created the duo The Schoolboys in 1969 with "Stephen Brown". In 1974, he joined Augustus Pablo and quickly became Pablo's favorite with whom he made several recordings. While pursuing a solo career, Miller became the lead singer for the Reggae band, Inner Circle, with whom he made the classic "Tenement Yard". Miller made a cameo appearance in the classic roots reggae film *Rockers*, alongside several roots reggae musicians including Gregory Isaacs and Burning Spear. Jacob Miller and Inner Circle were featured in the concert documentary film *Heartland Reggae*, which showcases the musical performances at the "One Love Peace Concert". Signed by Island Records, Inner Circle, and Miller, was groomed for stardom when it was all brought to an abrupt halt when sadly Miller died in a car accident in early 1980 at age 27. Miller and Inner Circle had been preparing for an American tour with Bob Marley and the Wailers, and the Inner Circle's next album, *Mixed up Moods*, had been recorded before Miller's death.





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Chris Chin

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Christopher Chin is a Jamaican record producer and the CEO of VP Records, the world's largest independent reggae label and distributor of Caribbean Music. Chris was born in Kingston, Jamaica but moved to New York City in the late 70's as a teenager with his family, where his mother Patricia Chin, and father Randy Chin, launched VP Records. Chris grew up surrounded by reggae and his early experiences with the artists that frequented his parent's record store, Randy's Record Mart, gave him a concrete foundation and understanding of the intricacies of the music industry. Following in the footsteps of his parents, Chris pursued a

career in the music industry, and produced numerous successful tracks before moving to the business side with VP Records. Chris also has a great passion for philanthropy and actively supports many charities, including his alma mater Kingston College and Kingston's Alpha Boys School, where many of Jamaica's greatest musicians have been trained. Chris's business acumen is held in high regard within the music industry and he has received a number of accolades in recognition of the work he's done with VP Records. In 2016, he received an Order of Distinction from the Jamaican Honors System and in 2017 he received an award for Outstanding Achievement in Music at the Outstanding 50 Asian Americans in Business Awards

Papa San

IRAWMA Hall of Fame

Reggae/gospel artist Papa San began as a dancehall artist the late 1980s and 1990s. Hip-hop and gospel elements found their way into his 1999 album Victory. He is without a doubt the trailblazer in Gospel Reggae, and is known as Jamaica's fastest lyrical speaking DJ. His astounding international success and a hearty signature sound has established him as a visionary in Reggae music while being anchored adamantly in Kingdom building. With a career spanning over twenty years, Papa San has emerged to the forefront in music and in ministry as a leader and an innovator continuing to push the envelope with enthralling rhythmic Dancehall music immersed in the Word. This evolution is reflected in his continual presentation of poignant lyrics and in his dedication to the Gospel. Also a philanthropist, Papa San sponsors a concert known as Papa San and Friends, to raise funds for orphanages in rural Jamaica. Since becoming a Christian, he has continued to produce his roots reggae sound, but with the message of Christ to the beat instead of his previously popular secular music. As ordained ministers, Papa San and his wife, Debbie Thompson launched the Our Fathers Kingdom International Ministries.



Glen Washington

IRAWMA Hall of Fame

The musical career of Glenroy Washington, singer, songwriter and drummer has been many years in the making. Washington began his musical career in the early 70's as the lead singer for the groups, Names and Faces and 35 Incorporated. He learned to play the drums under the guidance of, then drummer, Joseph Hill. When Hill left the band, Washington filled the slot, and became a singing drummer. Washington made his first hit record "Rockers Not Crackers" in 1978, but he did not grace the charts again until the release of the hit "Kindness for Weakness" in 1998. After a short hiatus from performing in 1997, Washington resurfaced once again, releasing his debut album, Brother to Brother. More than 10 albums soon followed. Over the years, Washington has recorded sporadically as a solo singer and extensively as a studio drummer laying tracks for various artists. Simultaneously, Washington was a full-time drummer (sometimes singer) in several different bands including: The Avengers, The Titans, and Happiness Unlimited. With Happiness Unlimited he migrated to the USA to work with Stevie Wonder. The other Bands he played with are Calabash and Bands that backed Artists such as Leroy Sibbles, Shinehead, Junior Reid, Gregory Isaacs, Sister Carol and the Meditations.

Marcus Garvey

Humanitarian Award

Sharon Wiles

Singer/songwriter/actress/philanthropist Sharon Wiles wears many crowns. The humanitarian activist has fed over 200 homeless in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She also provides medical equipment, medical supplies, food, clothing also yearly medical clinics in Central America and the Caribbean Islands and an active children feeding program in Africa, and the Philippines. The Sharon Wiles Foundation (SWF) is nonprofit 501 (c) organization whose goal is to partner with local communities, local medical mission groups and churches, non-governmental organizations, private sector, government agencies in Jamaica, Florida, Africa, and Honduras and local groups to help fulfill the vision and make a difference. Singing since the age of 4, Sharon has travelled internationally, ministering at concerts, churches, weddings, and banquets. She has shared the stage with artists like: Donnie McClurkin, Kirk Franklin, CeCe Winans, Vickie Winans, Martha Munizzi, Helen Baylor, Byron Cage, Beverly Crawford, Canton Jones, Karen Clark Sheard, and Chevelle Franklin. Sharon recently had the opportunity to perform at the Super Bowl with Israel Houghton and New Breed. She is a member of the choir and praise team at The Faith Center Ministries in Sunrise, Florida. Her motto is based on Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



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Community/Humanitarian Award

D'Angel

When D'Angel entered the dancehall scene in the early 2000s and she hasn't skipped a beat or looked back since. The entertainer, who is celebrating almost 20 years in the music industry, made her solo debut in 2005 with the catchy song "Living Uptown (Downtown Girl)." Dubbed the first lady of dancehall, she made her mark in the industry with numerous hit singles over the last two decades. D'Angel has maintained a constant presence on the dancehall scene, business arena and philanthropy. Despite her career obligations, D'Angel remains committed to her humanitarian efforts. Her annual tradition of donating Christmas care packages to the elderly, disabled, and less fortunate took place in her home town of Spanish Town. In 2023, D'Angel donated 500 care packages for Christmas, as she was unable to meet her initial target of 1000 packages. Determined and optimistic, D'Angel accepted donations for her charity, taking to social media to share her progress with her supporters. Through her Spread a Little Love Initiative and Angels Foundation, D'Angel is about helping with the needs of the people. "We require support to keep the foundation going as these troubling times cause a growth in the needs of the society," she says. Whether it's doing her annual food drive, providing school supplies or producing a charity music concert which raised money for those in need due to COVID-19— D'Angel continues her philanthropic efforts, while maintaining a constant presence on the dancehall scene.

IRAWMA *Awards of Honorees*

Tonight, Reggae and World Music's biggest night returns to Florida. The star-studded 41st International Reggae & World Music Awards (IRAWMA) makes a grand return to South Florida for the eighth time and will be held at the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center (LPAC) in Lauderhill/Fort Lauderdale. Six honorees will receive the coveted IRAWMA Award of Honor for their outstanding contributions to the music industry. Honorees include: Tullah Carter, Third World Music Group; Clinton Lindsay, Broadcaster/Show Promoter; Honorebel Apache, Singer/Rapper/Songwriter/Producer; Mr. Vegas, Dancehall Sinjay; Paul Rossi Lee, Entertainment Manager and Amy Wachtel, Night Nurse/Rockers Arena.



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In the last year we saw the loss of pioneer musicians, radio and sound system operators, managers and artists. Those in front and behind the scenes that have made outstanding input through their talents and dedication in the field of Caribbean music. We at IRAWMA would like to acknowledge some of the personalities that have made their transition since last year.

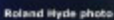
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