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- **42ND IRAWMA NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!**
- **IRAWMA SET FOR S. FLORIDA, MARCH 30, 2025.**
- **IRAWMA ADDED SPECIAL: “BEST SONG/ACT SALUTING VP KAMALA HARRIS.” NOMINATE & SECURE EARLY TIX NOW @ IRAWMA.COM & THECENTERCS.COM**
- **OVER 20,000 UNIQUE VISITS TO IRAWMA.COM; PLUS THOUSANDS ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR NOMINATION LAUNCH.**

(Chicago, October 2024:)

Martin's International, the producer of four popular special events on Wednesday, October 09th revealed its Calendar of Events for 2025.

Florida for the ninth time in 42 years will serve as the host State for the 42nd Annual International Reggae and World Music Awards (IRAWMA), surpassing Jamaica and New York who each hosted IRAWMA eight times, behind only Chicago, the birthplace of IRAWMA that hosted the Awards eleven times. Other host cities were Atlanta four times, New Orleans once, and Trinidad and Tobago once also, rounding out 42 years of the roads travelled by IRAWMA.

On Sunday, March 30th, 2025, IRAWMA will return to the prestigious Coral Springs Center for the Arts at 2855 Coral Springs Drive, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. For a short time, a limited number of special discounted general and VIP tickets are now on sale through Cyber Monday, December 2nd, 2024 at www.thecentercs.com and www.irawma.com.

Now through December 31st, entertainment media and music industry professionals will be nominating the best of 2024 based on the criteria outlined for nominations. Experts will visit www.irawma.com to view all the categories, see the criteria and submit their first and second choices in categories that they are familiar with.

Added this year, is the special “Best Song/Act Saluting Jamaican/American, VP Kamala Harris, the Democratic Candidate for President of the United States of America.” Awards requiring nominations will be given in some 34 categories. Special Awards of Honor will be given to some who have made extraordinary contributions to the entertainment industry, and/or contributed to Humanity/Social Justice causes.

The 3rd IRAWMA Best Song Contest is now officially open to entertainers to submit their songs to IRAWMAinfo@gmail.com. The song must be in video form, no more than two minutes and say something about what IRAWMA has been doing for the music industry over the last 42 years.

Here are samples of previous winners and finalists. The winner at the 40th IRAWMA was History Man from Jamaica, click here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UrTPImjAA0U>, and the 41st winner was Ajaeze from Nigeria, click here, <https://youtu.be/8UWa566ozKg?list=PL-xlXJBqNzordLkpHu0vv17oIWsdNvUS5> and enjoy the finalists.

“By the request of entertainers and fans for us to return to Florida, we are most excited and look forward to seeing all the 2024 IRAWMA nominees and fans in South Florida on Sunday, March 30th of next year. For those who cannot make it, join us @ Youtube.com/irawma and on IRAWMA’s social media.

After more than forty-years, we are preparing and looking to the next generation of IRAWMA successors and/or new leaders.” Dr. Ephraim Martin, BH{M}, D.B.A., the Producer and President of Martin’s International, told his 2025 Special Events launch.

IMPORTANT DATES LEADING UP TO THE 42nd IRAWMA:

- OCTOBER 09, 2024: NOMINATIONS OPENED
- DECEMBER 31, 2024: NOMINATIONS CLOSED
- JANUARY 15, 2025: NOMINEES ANNOUNCED & PUBLIC VOTING BEGINS
- MARCH 10TH, 2025: VOTING CLOSED
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025**, - 6: 00 PM – 7:00 PM – RED CARPET ARRIVAL/VIP RECEPTION.
42ND IRAWMA CEREMONY: - 7: 00 PM – GENERAL ADMISSION.
- 7: 30 PM – AWARDS SHOWCASE

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MARTIN’S INTERNATIONAL, OTHER 2025 SPECIAL EVENTS:

- The 32nd Annual African/Caribbean International Festival of Life (IFOL), is set for Friday-Sunday, July 11th thru 13th, 2025, post-Independence weekend in Washington Park, or another location Chicago, Illinois, visit internationalfestivaloflife.com.
- The 43rd Annual Chicago Music Awards {CMA}, 2025, date to be announced later.
- The 9th hosting of the JSVFest (Jerk, Seafood and Vegan Fest) is set for **Saturday and Sunday, September 20th and 21st, 2025**, visit www.JSVFest.com.

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