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JAMAICA JAZZ & BLUES

Celebrating 16 Years of World Class Music



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Since its inception in 1996 Jamaica Jazz and Blues Festival (formerly known as Air Jamaica Jazz and Blues Festival) has steadily grown to become the largest music festival in Jamaica. The three day festival boasts a high caliber of local and international artistes such as Lionel Richie, Alicia Keys, Chaka Khan, Black Uhuru, Gladys Knight, Third World, Air Supply, Al Green and Diana Ross just to name a few. With such an impressive lineup it is no surprise that the festival lures thousands of tourists as well as faithful locals.

Over the years the festival has undergone various date and venue changes due to its increasing popularity however the organizers have managed to consistently produce and maintain quality entertainment. It was originally hosted in Montego Bay, before moving to Ocho Rios then it returned to Montego Bay but at a larger venue. In January 2010 the organizers relocated the event to its current venue at the Greenfield Stadium in Trelawny.

January 26-28, 2012 will mark the 16th staging of the annual festival and it is expected to be the biggest year yet. This year is extremely special and as the first major entertainment event of the year the festival will lead the celebrations for Jamaica's 50th year of independence. Patrons will be treated to a nice mix of performances from Reggae and Dance Hall stalwarts like Half Pint, Marcia Griffiths, Yellow Man, Shaggy and John Holt as well as rising stars like Chris Martin, Etana and one of Jamaica's most talented vocalist Tessanne Chin. The heavyweight international acts will include, German Reggae Artiste, Gentleman, Cee Lo Green, Nicole Henry and The Temptations. The names mentioned are just a few of the wealth of talent enlisted for this year's show but there is one act that has the entire Jamaica buzzing this year and her appearance is expected to attract a host of new attendees.

For the first time ever in the history of the Caribbean, Multi-Platinum Recording Artiste Celine Dion will be performing. It took the organizers of Jamaica Jazz and Blues over two years of courting the singer and her team to agree to a performance but with all the excitement brewing both locally and internationally about her appearance it seems to be well worth the effort. General Ticket prices are US \$80 for Thursday and Saturday Night's show and \$ 100 to see Celine among others on Friday Night. Jamaica Jazz and Blues Festival is the place to be if you will be in Jamaica this weekend. If you are unable to make it then reserve the last weekend in January on your 2013 calendar as the concert seems to get bigger and better each year. Visit their [website](#) or join their [Facebook page](#) for an opportunity to win tickets.

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