



Minnesota International Sports and Reggae Festival

Strengthening the Bond between Minnesota and Jamaica

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The inaugural Minnesota International Sports and Reggae Festival (MISRF) bearing the theme; "Strengthening the bonds between Minnesota and Jamaica" comes to the Twin Cities June 24-30, 2019. This inaugural festival includes the International Summer Institute for Reggae Studies, Reggae Concert, the Partners Reception and the Minnesota Reggae Run. Participants in these events will get a chance to win all expense vacation to the lovely island of Jamaica. Representatives from the Jamaica Ministry of Education, Youth and Information and the Ministry of Culture, Gender Sports and Entertainment will be present to mark the occasion.

The International Summer Institute for Reggae Studies with concert featuring Reggae Ambassador, Third World Reggae Band and the International All Star at the University of Minnesota on June 24-28 with concert on June 28 is a history creating moment for the School of Music. Though Reggae Music has been around since the 1960's the academics of its origin and its impact on the development of the island of Jamaica has never been undertaken by any institution in the United State. This makes the institute a landmark event in the life of the University of Minnesota and the academic community in the United States. The week-long institute feature lectures, workshops and instrumental breakout sessions. It is open to musicians wanting to learn the art and history of Reggae Music include high school seniors and college students. Register for the Institute at z.umn.edu/reggae.

Tickets for the concert: <http://www.northrop.umn.edu/events/jamn-reggae-concert>

The Partners Reception will be at St. Paul Hotel on June 29, 2019. Friends of Jamaica who are interested in helping OSDJ and its partners to grow this landmark event are invited to become part of the team dedicated to strengthening the bonds between Minnesota and Jamaica. This team includes State and City leaders, business and community leaders, the academic, philanthropic and community groups.

The Minnesota Reggae 5K and 10K Run at Phalen Park, St. Paul (June 30, 2019) What is summer in Minnesota without another 5K or 10K Run and what is more soothing than running to the rhythm and sounds of reggae music on a Sunday Morning.

Register at <https://www.raceplace.com/events/54758/minnesota-reggae-run>

Strengthening the bond between Minnesota and Jamaica include opportunities for cross-cultural exchange for our youth, business development and enhancements, academic research in music and sports. We need the help and support of all to make this a lasting experience.

We invite you to and join us in celebrating this landmark event – the blending of the rich cultures of Minnesota and Jamaica. If you are interested in participating in any of these events and activities or volunteer to help plan any of these events this year or in the future send us an email at osdj@aol.com. See you there!

For more information about OSDJ and our outreach efforts to Jamaica visit us at www.osdjamaica.com.



Schedule of Activities

International Summer Institute for Reggae Studies

University of Minnesota School of Music

June 24-30, 2019

University of Minnesota Athletics Department Metering

Thursday June 27, 2019

Dunwoody College of Technology Meeting

Davyton Project & Ministry of Education Partnership

Thursday June 27, 2019

JaMN Reggae Concert featuring Third World Reggae Band

University of Minnesota, Northrop Auditorium

Friday June 28, 2019

The Partners Reception

The St. Paul Hotel

Saturday June 29, 2019

Minnesota Reggae Run

Phalen Park, St Paul

Sunday June 30, 2019