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“Show has potential to attract thousands of visitors”

Int'l Reggae Awards show eyes Ja. base

After thirty-six years in the business, Martin's International, organisers of the popular annual International Reggae and World Music Awards (IRAWMA) show, is seeking private and public sector backing to establish a permanent base in Jamaica for the awards show.

Ephraim Martin, CEO of show owner, Martin's International, told **The News** that the organization is hoping to make the Chicago-based show a permanent part of Jamaica's tourism product.

Martin was speaking after a press conference at JAMPRO, Trafalgar Road, on Tuesday, November 13, at which he announced the return of the show to Jamaica next year.

The former **Gleaner** photo/journalist said he is

confident that reggae music and world music (mainly from Haiti and Africa) are so popular worldwide, that his production can rake in substantial revenue for Jamaica.

The show will celebrate its 37th staging at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, on May 11, the third time that it is being staged in Jamaica. Martin said the show is designed to “shine the global spotlight on Jamaica's tourism and cultural entertainment asset.”

“This upcoming staging is not only significant for its return to Jamaica,” he told his audience, “but next year marks the 50th Anniversary of the birth of Reggae Music and also May 11 marks the 38th year since the passing of reggae superstar Bob Marley. We plan to pay special tribute to these events.”

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Congrats from the Press Association of Jamaica

It is with great pleasure that as one of my first official acts as President of the Press Association of Jamaica, I am able to congratulate **The News** on achieving 32 years of publication.

This is no mean feat.

Even before the publication of the first issue this award-winning community newspaper on October 16, 1986, the Internet and social media had been taking a heavy

toll on the operation of newspapers locally and internationally.

In spite of this challenge, **The News** has kept going and Managing Editor, Ben Brodie and his wife Marva, have vowed to keep serving through these turbulent times.

In fact, **The News** has recently advertised for trainee journalists and added **Downtown**, a publication dedicated to downtown Kingston, to its offering. An earlier addition, **St.Bess**, continues to serve the parish of St. Elizabeth.

The Press Association of Jamaica congratulates **The News** on achieving this landmark and wishes the publication continued success.

George Davis
President
Press Association of Jamaica



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Thanks to all our readers, advertisers, vendors, staff and well-wishers for your continued support. We could not have done it without you. We will continue to publish material relevant to community development and we are confident that with your backing we will get to the next milestone in good shape. Thanks again.

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Basketball action at the MoBay Convention Centre

Ewing returns with gifts

Patrick Ewing, the New York Knicks all-time leader in scoring, rebounding, block shots and steals, was in the island in Mid November and he was bearing gifts.

The Jamaican-born 11-time National Basketball Association (NBA) All-Star team member and one of the NBA's 50 Greatest Players of All Times, presented Minister of Tourism Edmund Bartlett and students from the Spot Valley High School in St. James with several hundred backpacks filled with school supplies to help disadvantaged youth in the Montego Bay area advance in their studies.

Ewing, recently appointed head coach of the Georgetown Hoyas men's basketball team of Georgetown University, in Washington D.C. USA, was in the island along with his team for Jersey Mike's Jamaica Classic basketball tournament from November 16 to 18 at the Montego Bay Convention Centre.

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In response, Minister Bartlett, said: "We are so excited to have our native son, Patrick Ewing, return home to Jamaica and bring his Georgetown University team with him. The Jamaica Classic has been such a great event for our country and having



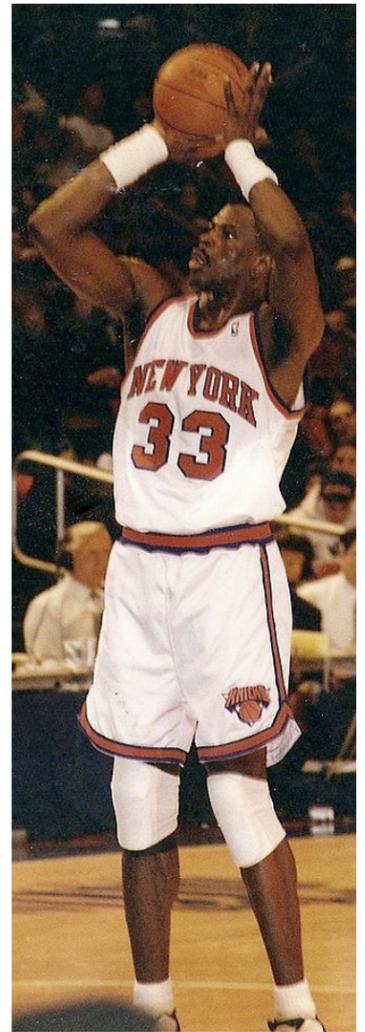
one of our own return to be a part of it makes it even more special."

The basketball tournament, being staged for the second time, featured eight colleges from the United States of America (USA).

Participating institutions were Georgetown University, University of South Florida, Loyola Marymount University, Ohio University, Central Connecticut State University, Austin Peay State University, Campbell University and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical (A&M) University. All games were televised across the USA during prime time on CBS Sports as well as streamed on the Internet.

Washington Post reporter, Ava Wallace, reports that Ewing also took the opportunity to visit Jones Town in Kingston, where his parents still own the family home.

"I pride myself in having two countries. I pride myself in my birth land," she reports that Ewing said. "To go back is an honor, to bring my team. ... I do feel great about going back home."



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Awards are based on a popular voting system and made in thirty-three categories.

Martin said the annual event has the potential of attracting thousands of tourists to the island annually and next year the package will be expanded to include cultural tours and parties from May 9 to May 12. These will include visits to cultural and

popular industries (including breweries) pool parties and 'Nights on the Town.

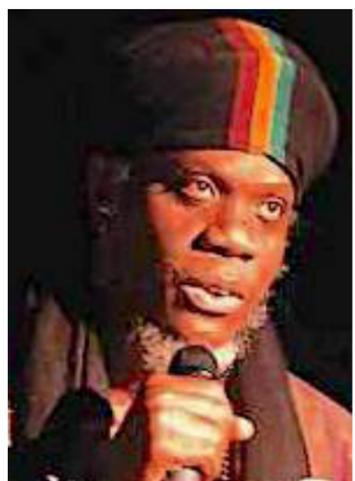
The show itself will be preceded by a Red Carpet Ceremony and followed by an IRWAMA After Party. The show will be broadcast by USA network TV in the summer of 2019.

The first awards show was in Chicago on May 1, 1982. and since then shows



A section of the Press Conference audience.

Muta retires Poetry Award



Mutabaruka

CEO of Martin's International, Ephraim Martin, has announced that the Best Poet Award category in the annual International Reggae and World Music Awards (IRAWMA) has been retired by world-renowned dub poet, Mutabaruka.

By popular vote, Mutabaruka, has won the Award for over thirty of the thirty six times it has been offered.

have been held every year at several venues, including the Apollo Theatre, New York in the United States of America and Trinidad and Tobago.

Previous stagings in Jamaica were in Montego Bay in 1991 and Ocho Rios in 2001 and 2002.

"In order to open up the category to the younger practitioners of poetry, we have decided to retire the Award to Muta and rename this category The Mutabaruka Award for Poetry" Martin announced at the Press Conference at the JAMPRO.

Linton Quasi Johnson and Oku Onuora are two of the other popular poets who have taken the Award.

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