 **International Reggae & World Music Awards (IRAWMA)**

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 **WINNERS/ACHIEVERS**

 **31st International Reggae & World Music Awards (IRAWMA)**

**Thursday, July 5th, 2012, Chicago, Illinois –**

 **(in conjunction with 20th Anniversary of the International Festival of Life)**

(**More than 20 million fans viewed portions of recent IRAWMAs on television)**

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|  | **CATEGORIES:** | **YOUR CHOICE FOR NOMINATION** |
|  | Bob Marley Award for Entertainer of the Year | DAMIAN Marley |
|  | Best Male Vocalist | tARRUS rILEY  |
|  | Best Female Vocalist | QUEEN IFRIKA  |
|  | Best Song- | “jAH aRMY”- sTEPHEN mARLEY, dAMIAN mARLEY & bUJU |
|  | Best Album/CD | **“REVELATION PART 1 THE ROOT OF LIFE”-STEPHEN MARLEY** |
|  | Best Crossover Song | “MAN DOWN”-RIHANNA |
|  | Best Gospel-Oriented Song | “AIR I BREATHE”-J. CEE |
|  | Best Latin-Oriented Entertainer | PITT BULL |
|  | Best Music Video | “live your life” richie stephens and gentleman |
|  | Best New Entertainer | J. BOOG |
|  | Best Female Disc Jockey/Rapper | QUEEN IFRIKA |
|  | Best Male Disc Jockey/Rapper | BEENIEMAN |
|  | Best Calypso/Soca Entertainer | MACHEL MONTANO |
|  | Best Poet/Spoken Word | MUTABURUKA |
|  | Most Cultural/Educational Entertainer | I-OCTANE |
|  | Concert of the Year | ROTOTOM -SPAIN |
|  | Best Caribbean Entertainer  | THIRD WORLD  |
|  | Best Instrumentalist | DEAN FRASER |
|  | Most Popular Sound System/Selector | STONE LOVE |
|  | Best Chutney Entertainer | KRIS “Ki” PERSAD |
|  | Best African Entertainer | AKON |
|  | Best Soukous Entertainer | TOP- ONEFRISSON  |
|  | Most Popular R&B/Hip Hop Entertainer | RIHANNA |
|  | Most Consistent Entertainer | CALYPSO ROSE  |
|  | Most Promising Entertainer | NKULEE DUBE |
|  | Most Outstanding Show Band/Group | THIRD WORLD |
|  | Best Compas/Racine Entertainer | T- VICE |
|  | Most Outstanding Dance Group | BLACK BLANGAZ |
| 29 | SPECIAL: Marcus Garvey Humanitarian Award | ZIGGY MARLEY- URGE |  |
| 30 | Chicago- Reggae and World Music Entertainer of the Year | GUEROLOCO |  |

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**31. SPECIAL: Int’l Reggae & World Music Hall of Fame/Lifetime Inductee**

**\* Fred Baker**

**32. SPECIAL: Martin’s International – IRAWMA Award of Honor**

**\* ONSTAGE TV- WINFORD WILLIAMS FOR MOST VALUABLE MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGGAE IN THE**

 **LAST DECADE**

**• BERKO- AFRICAN SPECTRUM- FOR OUTSTANDING MUSICAL AND JOURNALISTIC CONTRIBUTION TO**

 **AFRICAN AND WORLD MUSIC**

**• FIELD MARSHAL AND ART BAILET- FOR OURSTANDING RADIO MEDIA CONTRIBUTION TO THE MUSIC**

 **INDUSTRY**

**33. REGGAE 50 HONORS:**

**(Recognizing and honoring Living Legend and icons since the 1960s or in the last 50 years, who have been consistent performing and working in the music industry)**

**• RITA MARLEY- FOR YOUR WORK IN THE PERSERVATION AND PROMOTION OF REGGAE’S LEGACY**

**• MARCIA GRIFFITHS- THE MOST INDOMITABLE ENTERTAINER IN ALL THE DECADES SINCE THE EARLY**

 **1960s**

**• JUDY MOWATT- FOR SPIRITUAL SERVICE THROUGH MUSIC**

**• FREDDIE MCGREGOR FOR 50 YEARS OF DEDICATED & UNTIRING SERVICES TO JAMAICA AND THE**

 **WORLD THROUGH MUSIC**

**• KEN BOOTHE- MOST CONSISTENT IN THE PRESERVATION ROCKSTEADY MUSIC**

**• ERIC DONALDSON –KING OF JAMAICAN SONG CONTEST IN THE PAST 50 YEARS**

**• COPELAND FORBES FOR 50 YEARS OF VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MUSIC INDUSTRY**

**34. SPECIAL: 2011 IRAWMA’S SOCIAL MEDIA ATTRACTION AWARD- GYPTIAN**

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