

First Annual Reggae Summer Fest Sept 7th

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The National Alliance Foundation, a non-profit network committed to promoting peace and harmony while raising funds and awareness for cancer, announced today plans for the First Annual Reggae Summer Fest For Cancer Research reggae show. The inaugural concert will bring top-flight reggae and entertainment to RFK Stadium, home of Major League Soccer's D.C. United team.

Reggae Summer Fest For Cancer Research, as it is billed, hopes to attract West Indians, reggae music lovers and people who have an affinity for Caribbean culture to the DC area on Sunday, September 7. Part proceeds from the event will benefit the Jamaica Cancer Society Clinic.

"This much-anticipated reggae festival has been artfully planned and was launched to raise funds and awareness to cancer," said Orville Dixon, a representative of the National Alliance Foundation. "Our intention is to educate the masses about cancer, while bringing together people through the universal language of music."

Shows of this magnitude have been attempted before in the Nation's Capital, but NAF officials claim that this festival will be different, in that, there is a cause behind the anticipated revelry.

Patrons will enjoy music, food, and a variety of items from the many vendors who will be exhibiting. Children 12 and under will be admitted free, while adult admission start at \$30. Limited VIP tickets and general admission tickets are available at Ticketmaster and a number of Caribbean businesses (including Caribbean Breeze located in Virginia and Logan Circle Liquor located in Washington DC).

Headlining the show will be international reggae crooner Beres Hammond, best known for such hits as "Putting Up Resistance," "What one dance can do" and countless other chart-toppers. Other acts include Ky-Mani Marley, I-Wayne, Turbulence, Chuck Fender, Prestige, Etana, and Fire Star.

There will also be a local flavor as well, as area bands—including STORM, The I-Ternals, Strykers Posse, New Kingston Band, Passion Band, Image Band, and Yawd Lynk—will provide

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their own familiar sound to this event.

Emceeding duties will be a group effort, as popular radio personalities including EZ Street (from 93.9 FM WKYS), Papa Wabe and Neil Mattei (WEAA 88.9 FM), and Tony Carr (WPFW 89.3FM) will take turns keeping the event live.

Half Krazy, Glamour G from Amplex, DJ Rasta Punch (from WPFW radio) and DJ Chick Music will provide the music.

For more information, go to www.reggaesummerfest.net . For questions regarding vending, email vendors@reggaesummerfest.net or call 301-332-6935.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOUNDATION

The National Alliance Foundation is a non-profit network that is committed to promoting peace and harmony, while raising funds for the Cancer disease and its harmful effects on our community and society.