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2020 is over - but hardly anyone regrets that fact. Global pandemic, a harrowing death-toll, lockdown, social distancing, cancelled festivals, a loopy president, droughts, fires, locust plagues... the list of personal tragedies and unpleasant memories is long.

Not everything was bad, however, and the stout-hearted chroniclers of Castle Reggaeville have set forth once more to gather those unique releases, special moments and remarkable developments from all reaches of our Reggae-Kingdom for our annual **Yearbook**.

Queendom, rather, as 2020 had an undeniable female energy: it was the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in the US, the year of lawful gender-equality in German companies, and it saw an impressive legion of female singers conquering the international Reggae music platforms. Three of them (**Sevana, Lila Iké** and **Jaz Elise**) grace our cover together with **Protoje**, as his **In.Digg.Nation Collective** is the focus of an extensive feature.

Of course, we'll give the other great artists out there a spot as well, listening to what they have to tell us about their 2020 highlights and taking a close look at their releases. From a pre-selected 56 of these, we asked you, dear readers, to pick your favourite in our annual **ALBUM OF THE YEAR** Poll, and the winner iiiiii... *drumroll*

STONEBWOY and his album **Anloga Junction!** The Ghanaian artist is followed by **Protoje** (In Search Of Lost Time) and **Lila Iké** (The ExPerience), while **Buju Banton** (Upside Down 2020) and **Bob Marley** (Live at The Rainbow) were voted on places 4 and 5, respectively.

Speaking of drums: an additional gift is the article about the Earthstrong of **Seeco Patterson** who turned incredible 90 on December 30th. Since not all artists are blessed to reach such a biblical age, we devoted a few pages of farewell to those who have left us during the last twelve months, including **Toots Hibbert, Johnny Nash, Bunny „Striker“ Lee, Denver „Feluké“ Smith, Bobby Digital** and **Millie Small**. May they all rest in eternal power!

What else? Oh, you know what, just flip through the following pages and discover all there is to discover. As for us, we'll continue to do what we know best: we'll present you with our usual extensive, up-to-date coverage of what's going on in the world of Reggae, so make sure you follow us on **YouTube, Instagram, Facebook** and **REGGAEVILLE.com**. And **Spotify**, as we have a choice of Playlists waiting for your ears.

Also, let's look ahead optimistically to a new decade that is full of promises. Off to the year of the buffalo, soldiers!

HIGHLIGHTS 2020

Compiled by Gardy Stein



MEMORIA

PHOTO BY AUGITROPICS

The year 2020 was a very special year. Through all the difficulties caused by the Pandemic we managed to use this time to grow as a band. One of our big highlights was the release of our new EP **Hide and Seek** and the positive response we got from all of our supporters. We made 100 “special boxes” that were sold out even though the EP was not our traditional Reggae sound but more Dancehall and digitally produced music.

The second big highlight was that we built our own studio called **Bomb-Shelter Studios!** We worked from January to July on building the acoustic and setting the sound. We are very happy that we are now able to record everything we want and need in our own space without worrying about finding a studio, booking the right time etc.

In September we started to release a song every last Friday of the month, and we are still going till February 2021, so if anybody is curious what **Memoria** did in 2020 (and still is doing), just check in with us every last week of the month and u will hear something new. We have some nice things planned for 2021.

One thing we realized this year was how beautiful and important it is to have people standing in front of the stage. We promise we won't take anybody who comes to our concerts for granted and we appreciate you all for sticking with us. We hope you stay healthy and that we will see us soon. We are all still on our journey to find our best! Much love and respect, **Memoria**.



NADINE SUTHERLAND

In 2020, I celebrated 40 years of being in the Reggae Music Industry. I went on a mission to disseminate this information, to remind those who knew, and to inform those who didn't. I think more people took note of my legacy. I didn't have the big celebration that me and my team were planning, because of the onslaught of Covid, however, I felt I accomplished the primary aim, which was making my legacy more concretized. Also, I released my single and video for **Chatty Chatty** as well as my EP **Inna Mi Blood** which was shortlisted for the Reggaeville Album-of-the-year Poll, yeah! And I'm on the compilation album **Earth Feel It**, a tribute album for producer **Fatis Burrell**. I'm also a part of the documentary for the album, which can be seen on Rototom's YouTube-Channel.

All the days were special to me, are you kidding me? Lol! So far, I'm still alive, so are members of my family, and most of my friends. A lot of people lost a lot.

What moved and touched me the most in 2020 were the losses of so many people that I knew professionally, and personally. Most, I had to mourn via Zoom. **Bob Andy's** passing was particularly hard, as I was scheduled to visit and to sing for him. I was waiting on **Marcia Griffiths**, but unfortunately, Jamaica locked down, so she couldn't fly from Florida. He passed before we could visit. We give thanks for life, and pray for the safety for the people of the world.

Start 2021 with a BANG!
13 scorchers by Jamaica's foremost producers



ECHOES MAGAZINE: "Brilliant... modern, roots, soothes the mind and makes people reflect and dance."

NEW YORK POST: "Riddim Twins still on top of the game."

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THE GRAMMY GOES TO... KOFFEE - RAPTURE BEST REGGAE ALBUM



THE GRAMMY GOES TO... KOFFEE

Koffee created already history by becoming the youngest (19, born February 16 2000) solo act to be nominated in the category Best Reggae Album, but it's the first time ever a female artist takes the Reggae Grammy!



SUMMERJAM 2020 ANNOUNCEMENT

2020 marks the 35th anniversary and the 25th edition to take place in Cologne. From 1986 till 1993 SummerJam took place at the legendary Loreley Open-Air Theatre. In 1994/95 the event moved to Wildenrath...



REVIEW: LUTAN FYAH - TOUCH DI ROAD

It only seems a matter of minutes since the legendary Lutan Fyah released what may have been his seminal album, Longest Livah. But now, he's already back with a brand-new EP.

NO SIERRA NEVADA WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL IN 2020 UNCERTAIN FUTURE!



NO SNWMF IN 2020

After the Sierra Nevada World Music Festival celebrated the 25th edition in 2018, the 2019 edition was cancelled and most recently it was announced, that there will be no festival in 2020 and the future is uncertain.

BEST MOMENTS... GOA SUNSPASH 2020



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In short, the Goa Sunsplash reggae festival is a sight to behold. Based at the fairly fancy Riva Beach Resort in northern Goa, it draws a wide variety of visitors, many merchandisers and much magical music.

STICK FIGURE ONCE IN A LIFETIME SUMMER TOUR 2020 FIRST HEADLINING AMPHITHEATER TOUR 2020



STICK FIGURE SUMMER TOUR 2020

On the heels of an exciting 2019, which included releasing the year's top selling reggae album, Stick Figure is announcing a headlining amphitheater tour: „Once In A Lifetime“ Summer Tour.

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JAMAICA MUSIC CONFERENCE 2020

With all eyes on Jamaica for Reggae Month, the Jamaica Music Conference (JMC) has turned up the heat with the addition of an amazing ensemble of star headliners to their impressive schedule...



NEW RAS MICHAEL ALBUM

A father of Nyabinghi drumming and a key figure in the rise of reggae music, Jamaican native Ras Michael returns with his 27th album, Live By The Spirit.



REVIEW: GOVONA - HUMANS AND MONSTERS...

In short, Humans and Monsters are Not the Same (HAMANTS), released by Raheef Muzik Group, is quite extraordinary. Gone is the slackness and bad boy image, as have the hard Dancehall beats.



BUJU BANTON & KOFFEE TOP NOMINATIONS

Buju Banton with eleven nods and Koffee with nine nominations top the list of nominees for the 38th Annual International Reggae and World Music Awards (IRAWMA).



HUSSLA D JOINS THE JAMMYS CAMP

The first project to be announced in his DJ producer capacity is the EP Generation Migration collaborating with the King himself remixing some of the classic songs and Riddims from the Jammys catalogue...



REVIEW: I-TAWEH - RELOAD

Recorded in California and Jamaica, I-Taweh returns to a full-length album format with Reload and it is a delightful blending of roots reggae with the authenticity of the island origins and West Coast influence of instrumentation.

VIDEO PREMIERES



IMERU TAFARI - ONLY LIGHT



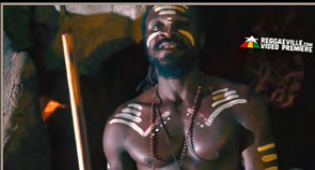
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KIRK DIAMOND - I WILL



RYZO BIME - KNOW THEMSELVES



YOUNG CULTURE BAND - HERBALIST

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PRINCE OF PEACE

PUBLIK REPORT feat. FREDDIE MCGREGOR & GENTLEMAN



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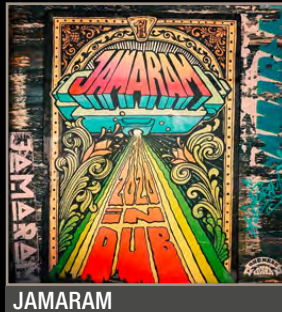
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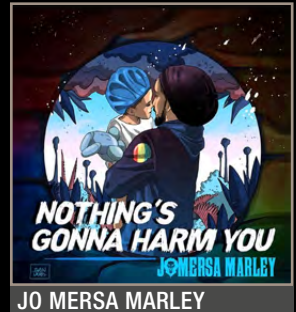
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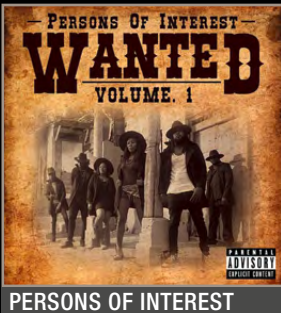
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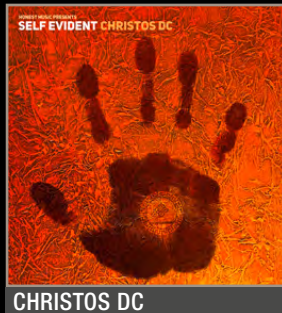
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PERSONS OF INTEREST



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HUSSLA D



AFRICA WE WANT RIDDIM



VYBZ KARTEL

PHOTOS



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BOB MARLEY - 75th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Today, February 6, 2020, Robert Nesta Marley, would have turned 75. The Marley Family kicked off the year-long anniversary celebrations yesterday with a new video for Marley's hymn Redemption Song and today the Bob...



BEST MOMENTS... ONE LOVE CALI REGGAE FEST

The entire universe of Reggae and Reggae Adjacent (bands like Pepper and Sublime) descended onto Long Beach for the annual One Love Cali Reggae Fest March 7th - 9th, where a dizzying 85 bands played across...



MICAH SHEMAIAH INTERVIEW

For three years singer and songwriter Micah Shemaiah dedicated his creative powers diligently to the creation of another full-length album. The 13 track record entitled Bush Tea is entirely done by the Jamaican artist...



TRINITY INTERVIEW

Wade Brammer, better known as Trinity, was one of the first Rasta deejays to take the microphone in the wake of Big Youth. Along with his good friend and mentor Dillinger, he charmed over some of the classic roots reggae...



RIP DERRICK LARA

Lara had been fighting lung cancer, a fact made public in December last year, followed by an influx of well-wishes and support from the international community.



REVIEW: NICK SEFAKIS - FOUNDATION

Nick Sefakis' Foundation is a true ear candy, an album that will make you discover something new with each round of listening. This being said, let's take a closer look at the who and what of this release.

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BOUNTY KILLER FOR JUNIOR BYLES

Host Winford Williams invited not only the „Poor People’s Governor“ to his show, but also the man Kerrie „Junior“ Byles himself, along with his daughter Christine Byles, family friend Claude „Big Stone“ Sinclair...



EP REVIEW: JOSH HEINRICHS & SKILLINJAH

Josh Heinrichs and SkillinJah are not men who do things by halves. Not only are they currently on tour, but they’ve also just dropped their latest EP in the midst of this, too.



REVIEW: DUB FX - ROOTS

If you’re looking for the most eclectic release of 2020 so far, then look no further than Dub FX and Roots. Because this truly gifted artist has created an absolute smorgasbord of delights to please everyone’s taste buds.



INTERVIEW WITH ACTOR ZBEK

His intriguing acting skills, the thrilling facial expressions and looks that go right underneath your skin are what you might know ZBEK for in his music video roles from Busy Signal’s Stay So or Vybz Kartel’s Real Youth.



REVIEW: SANTA DAVIS - AFRICA IS MY HOME

The word “precocious” is often used as an insult. But in terms of artists, it should sometimes be seen as a positive thing. The latest release from UK-based Claye is utterly precocious. But it’s in a thoroughly good way.



REVIEW: CLAYE - MEDICINE

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VIDEO PREMIERES



JERONE - GIVE ME A MINUTE



DARRIO - ISLAND GIRL



DAVID KIRTON - SHE'S ALL ISLAND



TEACHA DEE & KASS SMITH



UWE BANTON - SPEAK THE TRUTH



RAS CHARMER - BETTER WAY OUT

JESSE ROYAL



CLEAR MY HEAD

BUNNY RUGS feat. SAMORY I & KARBON



RUN AWAY

CEDRIC 'CONGO' MYTON



A NEW RACE

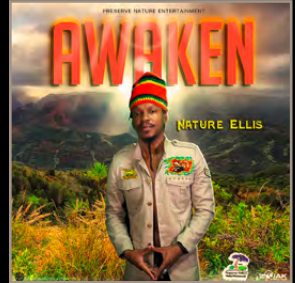
RELEASES



BUSHMAN



MIKEY SPICE



NATURE ELLIS



ADWELA AND THE UPRISING



DAVID CAIROL



DA FUCHAMAN



OBA SIMBA



MIGHTY EMMANUEL & LION SHILOH



DENROY MORGAN



THE HIGH REEDS



ROUGHHOUSE



PACHYMAN

PHOTOS



DAVID HINDS & DON CARLOS @ ONE LOVE CALI



ROOTSRIDERS & FRIENDS IN AMSTERDAM



BUJU BANTON IN NAIROBI, KENYA

DANCEHALL STATION PRODUCTIONS

NIGHT NURSE

RIDDIM

FLABBA HOLT

PAPA MICHIGAN // KENNY SMYTH

DARRIO & THE FYAH FORCE BAND

ELIJAH PROPHET // TURBULENCE & DOTTA COPPA

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- Sally Ann Washburne
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Jamaican Music

BLACKS BREATH

LEGGO

REGGAE MONTH IN JAMAICA - FEBRUARY 2020

Photos by Steve James



Eek-a-Mouse

NEW TRACK OUT



Lips

Produced by Joxaren

LISTEN HERE
Track taken from
forthcoming EP
on European Music
out soon on all platforms

HIGHLIGHTS 2020

Compiled by Munchy & Gardy Stein



JESSE ROYAL

PHOTO BY SAMO KUSH-I

One of the greatest joys of 2020 was definitely finding out that the love of my life was expecting and Yali was gonna be a big sister! Another big joy was performing for **Madonna's** birthday which was just amazing because I hadn't played live in a couple weeks also, so I was bursting from the seams with energy and then the reception we got from her and her team and kids was just amazing for me knowing that she is who she is and is also such an incredible performer! So to make her happy for her birthday is definitely a highlight! Shout out to Boss Lady **Carleene Samuels!**

Professional highlight for me would definitely be my pivoting into the Cannabis Industry with an incredible company named **Jacana** as I have always been a firm believer that regardless of the barriers put in

place, my generation must pay homage to the elders before who fought for these rights, all of whom were persecuted unfairly! It is up to us to carry on the baton and educate the nations about herb glory and ensure that we are a part of the conversation and monetization after decriminalization.

Another highlight was partnering with Digicel and representing us in a very critical space as I hope that corporations will work with many other young visionaries to fulfill the bigger plan. It's a different age and even large companies realize that money can't be the only motivation. Success is defined by impact not profit! One of the first projects that we are on is the Haile Selassie High School Restoration project kick started by my brother **Chaka Bars** who is also a very inspirational person that I met through the General **Donisha** who is **Bob Marley's** granddaughter and one focused individual!

Being able to get my foundation of the ground from late 2019 and being able to go forward with a platform dedicated to helping the youth who I see as the roots of the tree.

One of the global highlights for me was performing alongside a whole host of brilliant people in many different fields from all around the world for the United Nations Worldwide Peace day initiative. Of course, also getting my album done and having this sweet package with **Easy Star** ready to share with everybody around the world!



JERONE

PHOTO BY MUNCHY

2020 was a bittersweet year. I was really glad to have released my debut EP **Rising**, unfortunately due to the restrictions globally caused by the Coronavirus I was unable to perform for a live crowd. The reception for the EP has been amazing and I'm extremely grateful.

TAD'S RECORD PRESENTS
THE TOP ALBUMS
FOR 2020-2021



MARCH

MAGAZINE



JAH9 INTERVIEW

Reggae poet, singer-songwriter and yoga instructor Jah9 just released her third album *Note To Self* via VP Records. Co-produced with Clive Hunt, Jeremy Harding, Teflon, Puraman, Runkus and Iotosh Poyser...



RIP APPLE GABRIEL

Apple Gabriel hasn't been well for quite some time. Struggling with the marks a Polio-infection left on his body throughout his life, reports suggested that, already 10 years back, he was in poor health and living condition.



REVIEW: ELEPHANT MAN IN HAMBURG

It was announced as an early show, so people started to trickle in by 9:30pm, enjoying the view the club's balcony offered over the famous Reeperbahn.



MESSAGE FROM CEDELLA MARLEY

In the midst of all this madness, we can take comfort in the fact that people around the world are showing up for others like they've never done before. There is less pollution and this pandemic has caused the world to do...



RIP DELROY WASHINGTON

Born in Jamaica in 1952, Delroy's family moved to the UK when he was still a child. His first steps in music were as tour manager and session musician, playing in the band Rebel. He also worked as a solo artist, recording...



REVIEW: KEZNAMDI - BLOODLINE

Bloodline, a joint effort from a team of talented individuals, has the potential to catapult Keznamdi into the international limelight. The young singer who has been „off the grid for a little“, as he himself put it earlier this year...

MAGAZINE



UNRELEASED CULTURE SONGS ON NEW EP

These lost tracks were found on some dusty master tapes at Mr Topsy studio in Jamaica. Produced by Rodguel „Blackbeard“ Sinclair almost 30 years ago (around 1990), these recordings feature Culture at their best along top...



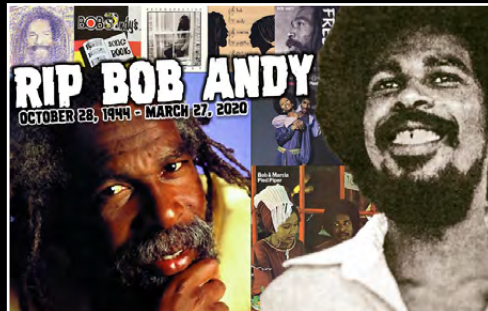
REVIEW: DOTTA COPPA - WE LOVE DANCEHALL

We Love Dancehall, released via Dancehall Station Productions and VPAL Music, is a banquet of musical delights. The majority of the high-end production is done by Prince Villas Records and Dancehall Station...



REVIEW: MARCUS GAD - RHYTHM OF SERENITY

Our world is in desperate need of calm and peace, on all levels - be it politics, human interaction or even music. For the latter, especially the void left by the passing of Vaughn Benjamin aka Akae Beka last year, one of the bringers...



RIP BOB ANDY

Sad news about deceased loved ones seem to reach us daily in these trying times. Today, it has been revealed that Keith Anderson, better known as Bob Andy, has passed away after battling cancer for some years at his home...



REVIEW: GINJAH - SURVIVAL

Bad news reached us out of the SNWMF camp. In these times of worldwide crisis, many of us could probably do with some comfort and succour from the global chaos. And perhaps Ginjah has the answer, in the form of one...



REVIEW: ZOE MAZAH - ON REPEAT EP

In the beginning was the piano, and the piano was with Zoe Mazah... A name that hasn't been present in any of the polls about newcomers, songs or artists of the year 2019, it is definitely one to remember...

VIDEOS



TIA - NICE UP



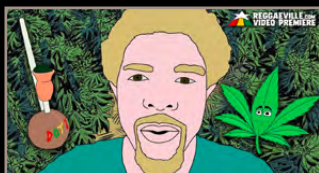
TAFARI WATKIS - ROOTS RASTA MAN



JAH THUNDER - HAVE A START



FLAMES EYE - GIRL SCOUT



DOTTA COPPA - SMOKING AWAY



JAHRINGO - GOOD VIBEZ



REGGAE POWERHOUSE BAND & RICHIE SPICE
SEXY WOMAN



HEAVYWEIGHT ROCKAZ & JESSE ROYAL
SWEET SENSATION



JAHDON
TRUTH

RELEASES



CHRONIXX



JESSE ROYAL



MARK WONDER



WAILING TREES



CONKARAH



MACKEEHAN



ALICIA KEYS ft. CHRONIXX & PROTOJE



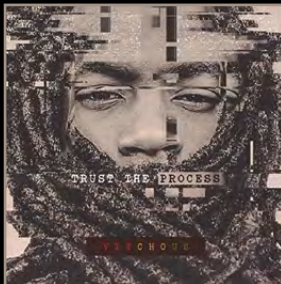
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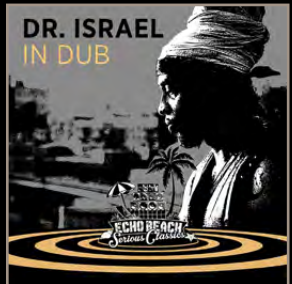
MIRIAM SIMONE



PATRICE feat. MR EAZI



VITCHOOS



DR. ISRAEL

PHOTOS

ELEPHANT MAN IN HAMBURG, GERMANY

Photo by Gardy Stein



**A MUSICAL
MASTERPIECE**

RICKY TROOPER



**MUSICALLY & LYRICALLY
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WINSTON BOWEN



**GOOD TO HEAR REGGAE
LOVE & PEACE**

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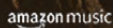
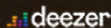
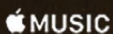


**GREAT REGGAE
MUSIC**

MICHELLE THRESHER

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APRIL

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BUNNY WAILER 73rd EARTHSTRONG

Friday April 10, 2020 is the 73rd Earthstrong of the Hon. Neville O'riely Livingston OM, OJ, CD pka Bunny Wailer. This year the celebrations are reflective as it falls on 'Bad Friday' and the anniversary of the Coral Gardens...



TROJAN RECORDS LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN

Trojan Records are set to launch a campaign tied around the 50th anniversary of the hit single Young, Gifted and Black by Bob Andy and Marcia Griffiths.



RIP SAM CLAYTON JR

And the dying continues... this time, we lost producer, engineer and musical genius Sam Clayton Jr. He fell victim to Covid-19 in Kingston, Jamaica.



LONE RANGER INTERVIEW

At the turn of the late 70s and early 80s, the deejay phenomenon was bubbling on sound systems in Kingston, Jamaica. As roots reggae began to shift towards what would become dancehall...



THIRD WORLD DOCUMENTARY

Longevity in the music business for bands is rare, and Third World proudly continues to defeat the test of time. For close to 5 decades, one would think that they have done and seen it all, but for the Reggae Ambassadors...



COVID-19 TELETHON JAMAICA

This event comes with the support of Restaurants of Jamaica (ROJ), KFC and VP Records. Christopher will perform from his home with his keyboard player, staying consistent with social distancing orders.

MAGAZINE



ANTHONY B TEAMS UP WITH MANUEL FELLER

This worldwide corona lockdown creates some very special things. This is what happened to Anthony B and austrian ski star Manuel Feller. Brought together by House of Riddim Productions from Austria...



KUMAR INTERVIEW

While the reasons for the break-up might not be completely clear, the vision that Kumar has for his future career certainly is. The talented singer, songwriter and producer has spent the past two years working on his firstling...



ETZIA & SEAN PAUL COLLABORATION

Swedish dancehall chanteuse Etzia, born in New York with her roots in Panama and Trinidad releases her single Let My Spirit Fly with renowned world superstar Sean Paul.



RCA RECORDS SIGNS PROTOJE, LILA IKÉ & SEVANA

In.Digg.Nation Collective, the label and artist management company founded by GRAMMY-nominated Jamaican artist Protoje and also home to Lila Iké and Sevana, announces a deal with Six Course/RCA Records.



A TRIBUTE TO FATHER GERMAN

The sudden passing of Father German, on Thursday morning, April 2nd 2020, due to complications from the Corona Virus (Covid-19), has left so many in the NYC and worldwide Reggae Community bereft, stunned and...



REVIEW: CHEZIDEK & THE LIGERIAN'S - TIMELESS

It's always enthralling when French group The Ligerians release new music. To that end, their much-anticipated album with Chezidek has finally dropped. And the tour in 2019 that spawned this partnership has a lot to answer...

VIDEO PREMIERES



NADINE SUTHERLAND - CHATTY CHATTY



SKARI - REAL GANJA MAN



UNSTOPPABLE FYAH - BEAUTIFUL DAY



FRASSMAN BRILLIANT - CONCRETE JUNGLE



RAS ZACHARRI - DI HERBS



NGA HAN - NAZARINE

ANTHONY B



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HIGHLIGHTS 2020

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VANESSA BONGO

PHOTO BY LYNCH

2020 has truly been a blessing in disguise. I finished and released my first album in July called *Earth To Bongo* which was produced by **Stephan "Maxx 749 Music" Samuels**. *Earth To Bongo* is a nine track Caribbean party and inspirational Reggae fusion album for all millenials and creative entrepreneurs unapologetically creating a world they love despite any adversity. I think the crowd favorite on the album was **Ganja Farmer**. Everyone loved the music video which was shot at one of the best Marijuana dispensaries in Kingston, *Itopia Life*, with an all female cast, my four beautiful ganja soul sisters. People always sing "I change my occupation and turn a Ganja Farmerrr" everytime they see me on the road! Is it a true story? I'll tell you next time! :-)

The entire year was such a strange but exciting time! I lost two friends to death this year, I suffered greatly from depression, the chaos of Black America and the Caribbean economy directly affected me but all of this made me so much more passionate. Resilience would have to be my biggest highlight this year because through it all I noticed my soul still pushing forward with goals, with my music and wanting to know so much more about this technological revolution we are all facing so I know how to stand firmly in my own spiritual revolution. I cannot believe I am alive to experience an actual renaissance and I am grateful and super ready for a whole new world of love, philosophy and society to express in my music!



ZOE MAZAH

PHOTO BY PATRICK MEROTH

I started the year 2020 optimistic with the release of a single called *New Day* in January followed up by releasing my EP **On Repeat** in March. Then the pandemic hit and nullified what I had further planned and worked for. All live shows and festivals my band and I were booked for, got cancelled and it honestly speaking took me a while to find back to a positive mindset.

Also the public standing up against structural racism in Germany that I've never experienced like this before in my life moved me deeply.

More than ever I felt that the responsibility of artists is not only to create valuable music or art but also to keep the faith and spread positivity through our works. The worldwide community got closer and felt more important to me.

The all female Reggae artist riddim selection initiated by **Res Staudemann** that I had the honor to be part of symbolizes this experience of a new togetherness for me.

2020 has been not only a challenge to grow but to outgrow obsolete patterns of thinking acting and working.

The harder the challenge the stronger the glow. Let's take it from there. Music is Love!

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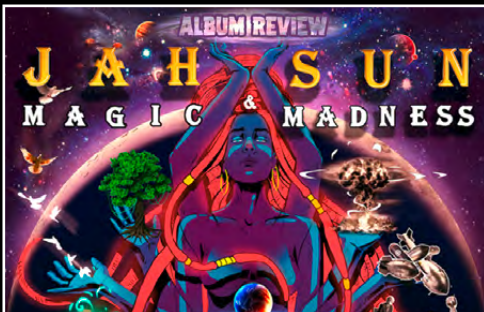
BOUNTY KILLER VERZUZ BEENIE MAN

What a ting! It's the talk of the globe in terms of music. Forget Corona, curfew and social distancing, this is the epic clash Bounty Killer vs. Beenie Man. No way you can claim to be a lover of Reggae & Dancehall when you...



SKIP MARLEY CREATES BILLBOARD HISTORY

Skip Marley takes a giant step into music history as Slow Down, his global smash with multi-platinum Grammy® Award-winning artist H.E.R., takes the #1 spot on the Billboard Adult R&B chart and at Mediabase Urban AC...



REVIEW: JAH SUN - MAGIC & MADNESS

It was in 2006 that Jah Sun made his first entrance onto the music scene, with his debut release The Height of Light. Since then, his conscious combining of Roots with myriad of other genres has earned him critical acclaim.



LILA IKÉ INTERVIEW

Within the past three years, Lila Iké has steadily grown into one of the scene's new favorites. After last year's festival season in Europe, not a single person in the audience was not impressed and enchanted by her energetic live...



RIP MILLIE SMALL

With her cover-version of My Boy Lollipop, Millie Small aka Millie has achieved what many of her Jamaican contemporaries only dreamed of: the 1964 single has sold more than 7 million copies worldwide.



REVIEW: ANTHONY B - KING IN MY CASTLE

No one can say Anthony B does things in small measures. Because his latest album is a huge, sweeping project which, despite several delays, has been well worth the wait.

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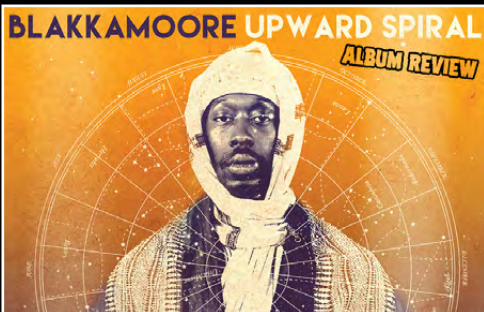
RIP BOBBY DIGITAL

As painful as the loss of a singer or musician is for our beloved genre (and, Lord, we have lost far too many over the last months), the passing of one of the most influential Jamaican producers has left the Reggae community...



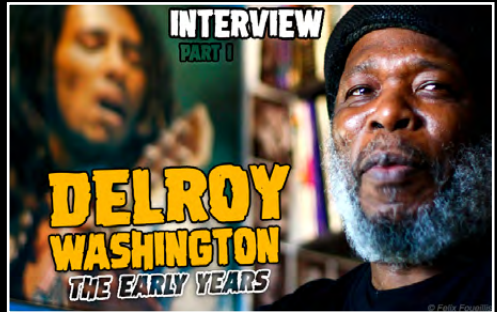
QUARANTINE CLASH

The Quarantine Clash was launched March 28th by Walshy Fire from Major Lazer who hosts the weekly event from Kingston, Jamaica. The Quarantine Clash live stream is in association with Major Lazer & Mad Decent Records...



REVIEW: BLAKKAMOORE - UPWARD SPIRAL

It says a lot when the teaser track to an artist's forthcoming album features one of the greatest rappers of all time. This sets a pretty high benchmark for the project. But fortunately for Blakkamoore, his latest release...



DELROY WASHINGTON INTERVIEW

The Jamaican-born, London-based artist was known mainly for his two critically-acclaimed albums I Sus (1976) and Rasta (1977) on Virgin Records, and for his friendship with Bob Marley. But this only tells half the story.



ISLAND RECORDS ONE LOVE AUCTION

Island Records is proud to announce the One Love Covid-19 Relief Auction in support of NHS Charities Together & Feeding America. Artists old and new, as well as friends of the label, have donated one-of-a-kind lots to raise...



REVIEW: THE ARCHIVES - CARRY ME HOME

It's undeniably a monumental challenge to take the songs of one of the most important artists to have ever lived and breathe new and just life into them. Fortunately for The Archives, they have accomplished this feat, with their...

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JAH MASON - I'M A JAMAICAN



TURBULENCE - TRIBUTE TO MAMA



NUBY DAN - HAUL & PULL



3GYPT - PAYCHEQUE



JAH GARVEY - FI WI BIZNIZ



DAWID ALBAJ - MERRY JANE

ARISE ROOTS feat. LUTAN FYAH, NATTALI RIZE & TURBULENCE



LIONS IN THE JUNGLE

JAH MASON, QUEEN OMEGA & DUB AKOM



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MO ALI & ASTON BARRETT JR



MO ALI & ASTON BARRETT JR OF THE WAILERS



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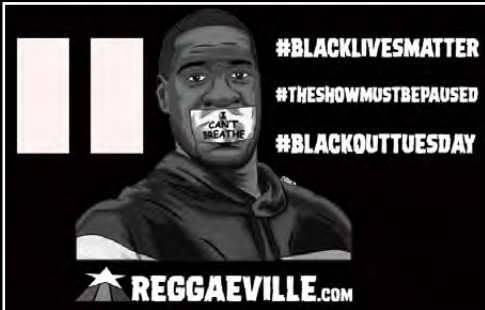
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BLACKOUT TUESDAY

Reggaeville joins the #TheShowMustBePaused & #BlackOutTuesday initiative to bring awareness to the policy brutality racial injustice in the United States.



BUJU BANTON INTERVIEW

His return to the stage inside Kingston's National Stadium in March 2019 was one of the largest Reggae events in recent years. Now finally all fans around the globe, even those who missed out on his stunning live appearances...



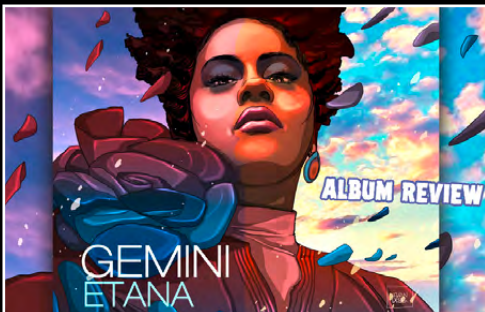
INTERNATIONAL REGGAE DAY

Under this year's theme #FromJamrock2HipHop, IRD will highlight the game changers, share the rich history of the genesis and continued connections between Jamaican music and Hip Hop. Two related lifestyle music cultures...



JAMAICA FESTIVAL SONG

According to Minister Grange, "among the top ten finalists we have established names such as Buju Banton, Freddie McGregor, Nazzleman (who has won the competition several times), Toots and the Maytals..."



REVIEW: ETANA - GEMINI

Five years in the making, the time is now for Dre Island to release his debut-album Now I Rise. The Kingston-born and -raised youth has come a long way from his first single Reggae Love in 2013,...



REVIEW: BUJU BANTON - UPSIDE DOWN 2020

How can you exceed expectations that are already soaring sky-high? If you are an artist with the relevance of Buju Banton, you damn well can. No stage show, no album has been as eagerly anticipated by the international...

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GREGORY ISAACS - NIGHT NURSE RIDDIM

Covid19 (Corona Virus) entered the World...almost at the speed of light and all best plans came out as smoke and only echo, and the World got shocked and stood still for some month, and an end of this situation is not in sight.



RIP MAJEK FASHEK

Majek Fashek, African Reggae pioneer from Nigeria, has passed away at age 71 in New York on June 1st, 2020.



REVIEW: VYBZ KARTEL - OF DONS & DIVAS

Vybz Kartel is one of the busiest artists in the music business. One check of his YouTube channel sees tracks being dropped week after week. And now, he's back with his second album of 2020.



KOFFEE & THOM BROWNE COLLABORATION

The collaboration between Koffee and american fashion designer Thom Browne features the release of Koffee's song Pressure in a brand new performance video. The song is part of her live sets since 2017, but was never...



SHOW ME LOVE - CLINTON FEARON TRIBUTE

From Australia to Hawaii, stopping by Asia, Africa and Europe. On June 4th, the music of the reggae pioneer Clinton Fearon, reinterpreted by more than 50 artists, will cross the whole planet in an unprecedented streaming...



REVIEW: DRE ISLAND - NOW I RISE

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HORACE ANDY - RASTA NAH EAT PORK



SPACE KAMP - GIRL LIKE YOU



THORPIDO - ROOTS



FIYANEER - MIGHTY RACE



SHUMBA YOUTH - TURN IT ON



ISIAH MENTOR - SUS DEM OUT

JUNIOR REID feat. JULIAN MARLEY



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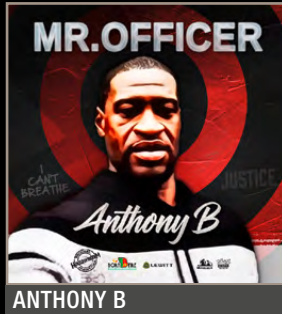
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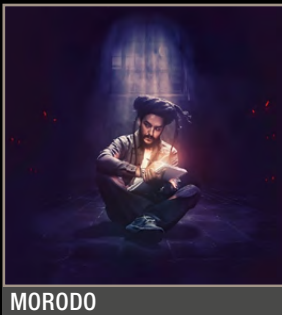
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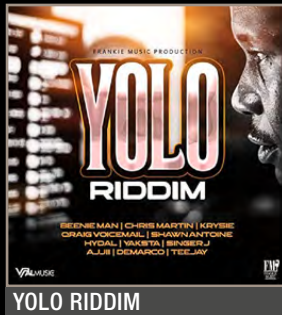
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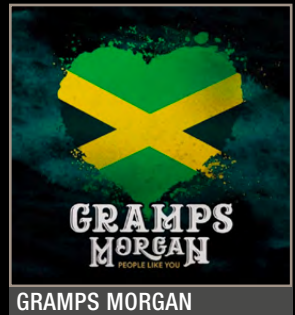
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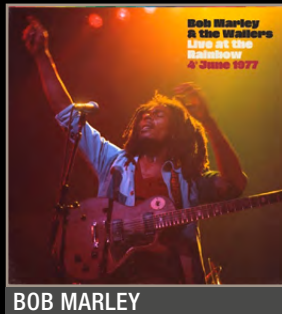
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GENTLEMAN & THE EVOLUTION IN HANNOVER, GERMANY

Photos by China Hopson



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New Singles Out Now



EP Coming Soon!



IN.DIGG.NATION COLLECTIVE

by Gardy Stein

Photo by Yannick Reid

IN BLOOM. That's not only the title of an impressive combination of **Protoje** and **Lila Iké**, but also a perfect description of what the **IN.DIGG.NATION Collective** is. Founded in 2014, it has grown to become one of the most experimental, supportive and inspiring music projects from Jamaica, and last year, the labour of tilling the soil, planting the seeds and carefully nurturing the tender seedlings has resulted in beautiful blossoms:

January: Carnation. The power of red! 2020 starts out energetic as both **Protoje** and **Lila Iké** are nominated for the **International Reggae And World Music Awards (IRAWMA)**. Also, **Lila Iké** is one of 15 artists mentioned in BBC's #HotFor2020 shortlist.

February: Violet. Hidden purple sweetness! **Jaz Elise** joins **Sevana**, **Lila Iké** and **Naomi Cowan** on the verandah of **Protoje's Habitat Studios** to perform the seminal **Rock & Groove Riddim**. Live and freestyle for **BBC Radio 1Xtra**, it releases on International Women's Day in...

March: Daisy. The Remix of **Alicia Keys' Underdog** feat. **Chronixx** and **Protoje** sees the light of day.

April: Daffodil. This flower symbolizes new beginnings and is thus a perfect fit for the announcement that the **In.Digg-Collective** signed a deal with **Six Course/RCA Records**. Says **Protoje**: „I feel very grateful to have been given the opportunity to not only impact my life and career journey with this deal, but also that of the two other artists on my label - **Lila Iké** and **Sevana**.“ Also, **Lila Iké** releases the video for the **IzyBeats**-tune **I Spy**, directed by **Danny Williams**.

May: Lily. Tied to good luck and devotion, the proud lily accopanies the release of **Lila Iké's** debut EP **The ExPerience**. What a feat!

June: Rose. Love to the world! **Protoje** delivers a fine live performance of **Deliverance** and **Like Royalty**, exclusively broadcasted by **Radio Nova**. The same month sees **Lila Iké** supporting, as one of

many artists, the **#FriendsUniteForJA** Benefit Concert hosted by **DJ Khaled** and **Busta Rhymes** to raise funds for children and families and to aid communities on the island affected by the pandemic.

July: Water Lily. **Sevana** releases her EP **Be Somebody** to much critical acclaim. Directed by herself and **Yoram Savion**, both **If You Only Knew** and **Mango** are released on video and create big waves internationally due to their exceptional images. Also, the visuals of **Protoje's Same So**, directed by **Jordan Mars**, are published. **Lila Iké** joins in with her video **Forget Me** for which **Shane Creative** and **Nicki Kane** sign responsible.

August: Hibiscus. The colorful beauty of this Jamaican flower announces **Protoje's** big album release! **In Search Of Lost Time**, including the voices of **Lila Iké**, **Sevana** and **Koffee**, hits the streets and is an instant success. Also, the video - directed by **Storm Saulter** - for **Like Royalty**, a sizzling combination with **Popcaan**, as well as a couple of vizualizers directed by **Yannick Reid** are released.

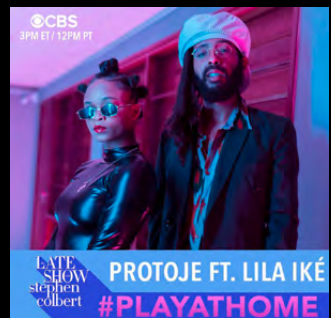
September: Poppy. Loving the late summers! For the third time, **Protoje** graces the cover of Germany's Reggae-devoted **Riddim** magazine. Different country, different artist: the **Vogue Brazil** publishes an article entitled „5 make-ups with singer **Sevana**“.

October: Marigold. Symbolizing passion and creativity, this flower is just right to announce that **Jaz Elise** is joining the **In.Digg.Nation Collective**. She releases a phenomenal re-make of her track **Fresh & Clean** featuring **Govana**. Another video released this month is **Protoje's Still I Wonder**.

November: Blue Mahoe. „I've never been nominated for anything before!“ says **Lila Iké** in an Instagram post announcing the five nominees for the British **MOBO Awards**. Her name is invoked alongside **Protoje's**. Together, they do a live performance of **In Bloom** for **The Late Show with Stephen Colbert**. **Sevana** releases her video **Blessed**, directed by **Yoram Savion**.

December: Poinsettia. **Lila Iké's I Spy** is mentioned among **Noisey's** „100 best songs of 2020“ - on place 66! The **Vulture Magazine** puts the visuals for **Sevana's Mango** on their shortlist „The Best Music Videos of 2020“ on place 9.

You see, the **In.Digg.Nation Collective** have presented the public with a bulging bunch of flowers in the past 12 months, and since there is so much to learn about and from this incredible team, we chose them for this Yearbook's cover story. On to the ripening and the harvest season, now!



PROTOJE



SHORT PROFILE

Name: **OJE OLLIVIERRE**

Nickname: **DIGGY BRITISH**

Year of birth: **1981**

Place of birth: **SANTA CRUZ, ST ELIZABETH**

Zodiac sign: **GEMINI**

Position in the IN.DIGG.NATION:
CEO & PERFORMING ARTISTE

QUESTIONS

What's been your motto / slogan in 2020?

Adapt.

Apart from all the negative effects of Corona, what, in your opinion, is a positive outcome?

For me, a positive outcome has been a lot of time for introspection which has allowed me to create more music than ever before.

What did you miss most during lockdown?

I missed being on stage and doing all the travelling I'm used to. Also, December in Jamaica is usually one of the most exciting times of the year, so it was a hard to be on lockdown.

Looking back on 2020, what's your favourite:

Tune? **In Bloom - Protoje ft Lila Ike**

Album / EP? **In Search of Lost Time**

Combination? **Unda Dirt -**

Popcaan ft Masicka & Tommy Lee

What is the song you listened to the most in 2020 released by In.Digg.Nation?

Deliverance - Protoje

If 2020 was a song, what would you call it?

Solitude - Lila Iké

What is your wish for 2021?

Keep healthy and stay motivated.

In your opinion, what sets In.Digg.Nation apart from other teams or collectives?

What makes our squad special is because it is a collective in the true sense of the word. The way we work is more like partners as opposed to the collective being an autonomy. We share a lot and we are inspired by each other's music, passion and work ethics.

Who from the team would you like to swap roles with for a day and what would you do first?

I would swap roles with **Yannick**, my Creative Director, to draw and create anything I want to.

What project are you currently working on?

Currently finishing **Jaz Elise's** first EP.

EITHER... OR

Popular fashion or self-made outfit?

Self-made outfit

Rum Punch on the beach or spliff in the hills?

Spliff in the hills

Romantic dinner or party with friends?

Romantic dinner

Grammy Nominee or MOBO Winner?

MOBO winner

Snoop Dogg or Super Cat?

Snoop Dogg





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LILA IKÉ



SHORT PROFILE

Name: **LILA IKÉ**
 Nickname: **WURL IKÉ**
 Year of birth: **1994**
 Place of birth: **CHRISTIANA, MANCHESTER, JA**
 Zodiac sign: **AQUARIAN**
 Position in the IN.DIGG.NATION:
RECORDING ARTISTE

QUESTIONS

What's been your motto / slogan in 2020?

Just stay upful despite everything that's happening around me.

Apart from all the negative effects of Corona, what, in your opinion, is a positive outcome?

More time allotted to honing my craft.

What did you miss most during lockdown?

Being out during the holidays, going to parties and different events.

Looking back on 2020, what's your favourite:

Tune? **Popcaan - Numbers Don't Lie**

Album / EP?

Mereba - The Jungle Is The Only Way Out

Combination? **Mereba & JID - Sandstorm**

What is the song you listened to the most in 2020 released by In.Digg.Nation?

Solitude – my song

If 2020 was a song, what would you call it?

What's Happening?

What is your wish for 2021?

For there to be no more virus, that it just goes and people can get back to living their lives and taking care of their families in whatever way they used to.

In your opinion, what sets In.Digg.Nation apart from other teams or collectives?

I'm not sure exactly what sets In.Digg Collective apart because I'm not necessarily into the disparity among teams and groups within music, but I must say that what In.Digg Collective does have a great deal of is organization as it relates to managing artistes and rolling out their work.

Who from the team would you like to swap roles with for a day and what would you do first?

Definitely **Protoje**! What I'd do is just sleep, I really think he needs a day of just sleep, turn off his phone and just not pay attention to work, cause he's constantly working.

What project are you currently working on?

Currently I'm just making music with my album in mind.

EITHER... OR

Rum Punch on the beach or spliff in the hills?

Spliff in the hills

Spotify Playlist or Vinyl Collection?

Vinyl Collection

Snoop Dogg or Super Cat?

Super Cat



SEVANA



SHORT PROFILE

Name: **ANNA-SHARÉ BLAKE**

Nickname: **SHARI**

Year of birth: **1991**

Place of birth: **SAVANNA-LA-MAR,
WESTMORELAND - JAMAICA**

Zodiac sign: **My friends insist that I am either
SCORPIO or SAGITTARIUS but I don't care**

Position in the IN.DIGG.NATION:

ARTIST, SONGWRITER

QUESTIONS

What's been your motto / slogan in 2020?

"If dirt a dirt"

Apart from all the negative effects of Corona, what, in your opinion, is a positive outcome?

More time to create music, Habitat Camp

What did you miss most during lockdown?

Travelling

Looking back on 2020, what's your favourite:

Tune? **Lost Ones - Jazmine Sullivan**

Album / EP? **Cincooriginals by Tobe Nwigwe**

Riddim? **Rock and Groove**

What is the song you listened to the most in 2020 released by In.Digg.Nation?

A tie between If You Only Knew and Thy Will

If 2020 was a song, what would you call it?

Shitshow

What is your wish for 2021?

To be able to tour again.

In your opinion, what sets In.Digg.Nation apart from other teams or collectives?

Longevity and family-oriented

What project are you currently working on?

My debut album

EITHER... OR

Popular fashion or self-made outfit?

Self-made

Rum Punch on the beach or spliff in the hills?

Rum punch

Romantic dinner or party with friends?

Party with friends

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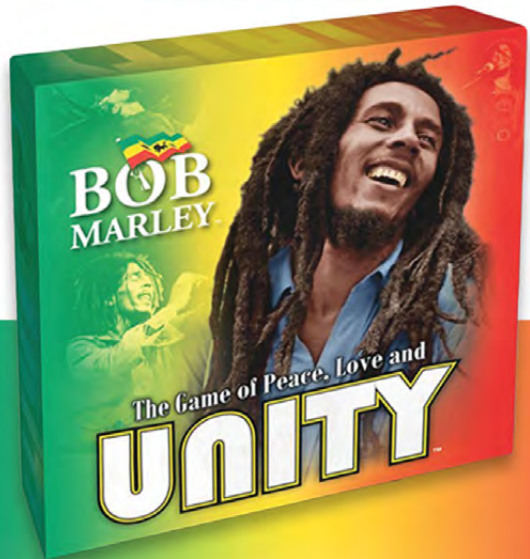
Boxing fight with Trump

Backstage with Koffee or OnStage TV with Chronixx? **Onstage with Chronixx**



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JAZ ELISE



SHORT PROFILE

Name: **JASMINE TAYLOR**

Nickname: **JAZ**

Place of birth: **KINGSTON, JAMAICA**

Zodiac sign: **VIRGO**

Position in the IN.DIGG.NATION:

RECORDING ARTISTE

QUESTIONS

What's been your motto / slogan in 2020?

Manifest, keep going, be love, see love, give love

Apart from all the negative effects of Corona, what, in your opinion, is a positive outcome?

Signing to In.Digg.Nation collective is definitely one of the highlights of my 2020. Being able to spend a lot of time making music for my upcoming project was a blessing. Also reimagining how to show love and support to my loved ones without constantly being around them was just a reminder that from wherever we are we can give love and be there for others. Social support for me was integral this year and through being there for others in different ways I found peace within myself.

What did you miss most during lockdown?

Being able to perform live in front of crowds. Also having to worry about if being around loved ones was putting them at risk. Overall, just being able to hug someone without worrying.

Looking back on 2020, what's your favourite:

In addition to all InDigg project & single releases

Tune? - **Dela Move**

Album / EP? - **Popcaan - Fixtape, Protoje - In Search of Lost Time, Lila Iké - The Experience, Sevana - Be Somebody**

Riddim?

Rock and Groove Riddim, Loco Riddim

What is the song you listened to the most in 2020 released by In.Digg.Nation?

Rock & Groove Riddim special, Like Royalty - Protoje ft. Popcaan, Self Defense - Protoje

If 2020 was a song, what would you call it?

Good Over Evil by Jaz Elise

What is your wish for 2021?

Long life, prosperity, success, abundance, love and happiness for all.

In your opinion, what sets In.Digg.Nation apart from other teams or collectives?

I couldn't say what sets us apart but I can tell you who we are. We are a collective of women and **Diggy** who love music, reggae music, dancehall and we believe that there is no boundary on what that music is. It is a world music and we're gonna make it and make it honestly. Indigg supports young creatives and is really a home for new sounds with the roots and foundations. We just a mek music that we hope will transcend time and generations.

Who from the team would you like to swap roles with for a day and what would you do first?

Me nah swap with a soul. Jah knows, it's enough being me, being an artiste who has to live, create, learn, grow and become. That is a task in and of itself. If I could shadow someone though, I would shadow **Diggy**, observe him for a day because the task that he has as an artist and everything else is admirable. Being able to juggle many responsibilities and do it well while being a dope tuff artist and still have a passion for his music and others music is something to learn from and just behold.

What project are you currently working on?

My first EP

Open question: Anything else you want to let us know?

Live in love always. Stay safe and stay tuned 😊

EITHER... OR

Popular fashion or self-made outfit?

Self made custom

Rum Punch on the beach or spliff in the hills?

In the hills

Romantic dinner or party with friends?

Party with friends then romantic dinner

Spotify Playlist or Vinyl Collection?

Spotify playlist

Boxing fight with Trump or Chalice with Kamala Harris? **Chalice with Kamala**



PARIS LAMONT



SHORT PROFILE

Name: **PARIS LA MONT DENNIS II**

Nickname: **PARIS**

Year of birth: **1987**

Place of birth: **OHIO, USA**

Zodiac sign: **CAPRICORN**

(**RABBIT FOR CHINESE ZODIAC**)

Position in the IN.DIGG.NATION:

KEYBOARDIST & BG VOCALIST

QUESTIONS

What's been your motto / slogan in 2020?

"Family First"

Apart from all the negative effects of Corona, what, in your opinion, is a positive outcome?

Having more time to spend with my family.

What did you miss most during lockdown?

The thing I missed the most was performing on stage and playing music with my band.

Looking back on 2020, what's your favourite:

Tune? **Kabaka Pyramid - I Don't Care**

Album / EP?

Chloe x Halle - Ungodly Hour (Album)

Riddim? **one that I made**

Combination? **EvaFlow feat. Paris La Mont - Live Your Life**

What is the song you listened to the most in 2020 released by In.Digg.Nation?

Protoje - Self-Defense & Protoje - Deliverance

If 2020 was a song, what would you call it?
 "Baptism of Fire"

What is your wish for 2021?
 Wishing for more financial & investment opportunities

In your opinion, what sets In.Digg.Nation apart from other teams or collectives?
 The InDiggNation (the band) has a unique sound that is often imitated but never duplicated.

Who from the team would you like to swap roles with for a day and what would you do first?
 No swapping

What project are you currently working on?
 Several, as well as my own EP

Open question: Anything else you want to let us know?
 How can I get some Reggaeville exposure as a producer/artist/label?

EITHER... OR
 Popular fashion or self-made outfit?
Self-made outfit

Rum Punch on the beach or spliff in the hills?
Spliff In the hills

Romantic dinner or party with friends?
Romantic dinner

Spotify Playlist or Vinyl Collection? **Vinyl collection**

Grammy Nominee or MOBO Winner? **MOBO winner**

Snoop Dogg or Super Cat? **Snoop Dogg**

Boxing fight with Trump or Chalice with Kamala Harris? **Spliff with Kamala**

Backstage with Koffee or OnStage TV with Chronixx? **OnStage TV with Chronixx**



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KONGZ



SHORT PROFILE

Name: **PETER SAMARU**

Nickname: **KONGZ**

Year of birth: **1987**

Place of birth: **ST.ANN, JAMAICA**

Zodiac sign: **CAPRICORN**

Position in the IN.DIGG.NATION:

DRUMMER & BAND LEADER

QUESTIONS

What's been your motto / slogan in 2020?

Work Harder

Apart from all the negative effects of Corona, what, in your opinion, is a positive outcome?

Yes, it gave me time to do proper introspection and put life into perspective. It serves as somewhat of an eye-opener.

What did you miss most during lockdown?

Playing music.

Looking back on 2020, what's your favourite:
 Tune? **Koffee - Lockdown**
 Album / EP? **Protoje - In Search Of Lost Time**
 Combination? **Protoje ft. Popcaan - Like Royalty**

What is the song you listened to the most in 2020
 released by In.Digg.Nation?
 Protoje ft. Koffee – Switch It Up

If 2020 was a song, what would you call it?
 "Dutty Gyal"

What is your wish for 2021? Stability in life.

In your opinion, what sets In.Digg.Nation apart from
 other teams or collectives?
 Each individual, their personality, and what they
 bring to the table.

Who from the team would you like to swap roles
 with for a day and what would you do first?
 No one.

What project are you currently working on?
 Music production with several artists.

EITHER... OR:
 Rum Punch on the beach or spliff in the hills?
Spliff in the hills

Romantic dinner or party with friends?
Party with friends

Spotify Playlist or Vinyl Collection? **Vinyl collection**

Grammy Nominee or MOBO Winner?
MOBO winner

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Backstage with Koffee or OnStage TV with
 Chronixx? **OnStage TV with Chronix**

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BABYLON MONEY

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DANNY BASSIE



SHORT PROFILE

Name: **DONALD ANTHONY DENNIS**

Nickname: **DANNY BASSIE**

Year of birth: **1967**

Place of birth: **KINGSTON, JAMAICA**

Zodiac sign: **SAGITTARIUS**

Position in the IN.DIGG.NATION: **BASS PLAYER**

QUESTIONS

What's been your motto / slogan in 2020?

Adapt.

Apart from all the negative effects of Corona, what, in your opinion, is a positive outcome?

I think the Corona thing made us adapt to situations. We had to improvise around that.

What did you miss most during lockdown?

Music! Going out, playing at the festivals and thing. I miss the shows!

Looking back on 2020, what's your favourite:

Tune? **Koffee - Lockdown**

Album / EP? **Protoje - In Search Of Lost Time**

Combination? **Protoje ft. Popcaan - Like Royalty**

What is the song you listened to the most in 2020 released by In.Digg.Nation?

Protoje ft. Popcaan - Like Royalty

If 2020 was a song, what would you call it? Mystery
What is your wish for 2021?

Hopefully this Corona thing will be done soon – I know the people are hungry for music. My wish is that we have better production opportunities for music.

In your opinion, what sets In.Digg.Nation apart from other teams or collectives?

There are a lot of talented people! I would say **Protoje** bring out the gold in each of us. Most of the members in In.Digg make beats. I make beats, the drummer makes beats, the keyboarder makes beats, the guitarist makes beats, and we go on stage and play back the same beat for the artist.

Who from the team would you like to swap roles with for a day and what would you do first?

Monty. I would go to our hang-out spot to cook some food and hold a vibes.

What project are you currently working on?

Many!

EITHER... OR:

Popular fashion or self-made outfit?

Self-made outfit

Rum Punch on the beach or spliff in the hills?

In the hills

Romantic dinner or party with friends?

romantic dinner

Spotify Playlist or Vinyl Collection?

Vinyl collection

Grammy Nominee or MOBO Winner?

Grammy Nominee

Snoop Dogg or Super Cat? Snoop Dogg

Boxing fight with Trump or Chalice with Kamala Harris? **Boxing fight with Trump**

Backstage with Koffee or OnStage TV with Chronixx?

Backstage with Koffee

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MONTY



SHORT PROFILE

Name: **LAMONT SAVORY**

Nickname: **MONTY**

Year of birth: **1983**

Place of birth: **KINGSTON, JAMAICA**

Zodiac sign: **SCORPIO**

Position in the IN.DIGG.NATION:

LEAD GUITAR PLAYER

QUESTIONS

What's been your motto / slogan in 2020?

Have no expectations, live every day like it's the last one.

Apart from all the negative effects of Corona, what, in your opinion, is a positive outcome?

One good thing I can say that came from all of this is that I definitely got more time to spend with my family and watch my daughters grow. They saw more of me, I saw more of them, more 1:1 time. That's definitely a blessing in all of this.

What did you miss most during lockdown?

Definitely live playing, playing on stage. Travelling for me... I've been doing that from 2002 til now, every single year I've been touring, so last year I missed being on stage and travelling. But we still give thanks for life!

Looking back on 2020, what's your favourite:

- Tune? I play on so many nice tunes, I can't really pinpoint one... but **Koffee – Under The Pressure**, that was a next nice one.
- Album / EP? **Protoje – In Search Of Lost Time**

What is the song you listened to the most in 2020 released by In.Digg.Nation?

Protoje - Hail Rastafari

If 2020 was a song, what would you call it?

"Trapped"

What is your wish for 2021?

My wish for 2021 is that I stay healthy and happy, and everyone in my circle be happy, cause not everybody want to be happy, so I don't want fi wish fi somebody whe dem nah wish fi themselves. So I just wish fi my family and everybody I know to be happy and healthy.

Who from the team would you like to swap roles with for a day and what would you do first?

Honestly, I would not switch roles with nobody!

What project are you currently working on?

A few projects, but it's confidential.

EITHER... OR

Popular fashion or self-made outfit?

Self-made outfit

Boxing fight with Trump or Chalice with Kamala Harris? **Boxing fight with Trump**



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YANNICK REID



SHORT PROFILE

Name: **YANNICK REID**

Nickname: **TP/THERAPIST**

Year of birth: **1992**

Place of birth: **ST.ANDREW, JAMAICA**

Zodiac sign: **GEMINI**

Position in the IN.DIGG.NATION:

CREATIVE DIRECTOR

QUESTIONS

What's been your motto / slogan in 2020?

Bake It 2020/ Empty Di Clip

Apart from all the negative effects of Corona, what, in your opinion, is a positive outcome?

A lot of people started to look at local talent as opposed to overseas talent for projects in many areas. Music, Visuals, Art. We just saw everything that was possible here on the ground that could be done.

What did you miss most during lockdown?

Going to parties and hearing loud music.

Looking back on 2020, what's your favourite:

- Tune? **Unsure**

- Album / EP? **Big Conspiracy - J Hus**

- Riddim? **Deliverance Beat (produced by iotosh)**

- Combination?

Like Royalty - Protoje ft. Popcaan

What is the song you listened to the most in 2020 released by In.Digg.Nation?

Deliverance by Protoje

If 2020 was a song, what would you call it?

Lockdown by Koffee or Inside by Ding Dong

What is your wish for 2021?

That we can go outside again.

In your opinion, what sets In.Digg.Nation apart from other teams or collectives?

We put value on creativity and on the time taken to be creative. We put huge value on teamwork and collaboration instead of making things in a vacuum. We're also willing to make ourselves a bit uncomfortable to try something new.

Who from the team would you like to swap roles with for a day and what would you do first?

Either **Ms. B** or **Protoje** and just chill.

What project are you currently working on?

Working on visuals for the next upcoming releases.

Open question: Anything else you want to let us know?

More Content, More Vibes, More Works, More Everything

EITHER... OR

Popular fashion or self-made outfit?

Popular Fashion

Rum Punch on the beach or spliff in the hills? **Rum**

Punch on the Beach

Romantic dinner or party with friends?

Party with friends

Spotify Playlist or Vinyl Collection?

Spotify Playlist

Grammy Nominee or MOBO Winner?

MOBO Winner

Snoop Dogg or Super Cat? **Snoop Dogg**

Boxing fight with Trump or Chalice with Kamala

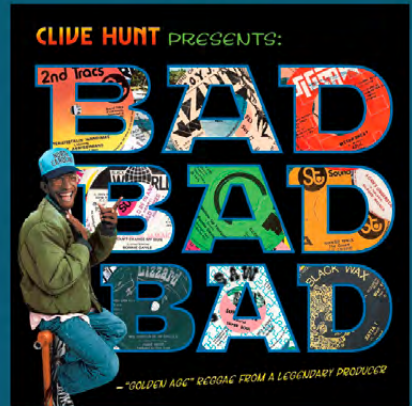
Harris? **Boxing fight with Trump**

Backstage with Koffee or OnStage TV with

Chronixx? **Backstage with Koffee**



Wailing Souls - Back A Yard
(LP/CD/DL)



Clive Hunt Presents: Bad, Bad, Bad
(LP/CD/DL)



Clive Hunt - Blue Lizzard (LP/DL)



LORNA BENNETT



SHORT PROFILE

Name: **LORNA BENNETT-OLLIVIERRE**
 Nickname: **MS B**
 Year of birth: **1952**
 Place of birth: **ST ELIZABETH, JAMAICA**
 Zodiac sign: **GEMINI**
 Position in the IN.DIGG.NATION:
MANAGING DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

QUESTIONS

What's been your motto / slogan in 2020?

Health and Family over everything.

Apart from all the negative effects of Corona, what, in your opinion, is a positive outcome?

Affirmation that after this all passes and the hustle and bustle returns that I must create periods where the pace is slowed and reflect more often and find time for the ones you love and appreciate.

What did you miss most during lockdown?

Being free to associate with individuals without restrictions.

Looking back on 2020, what's your favourite:

Tune? **I Spy - Lila Ike**

Album? **In Search of Lost Time- Protoje**

Combination? **In Bloom - Protoje ft. Lila Ike**

What is the song you listened to the most in 2020 released by In.Digg.Nation?

Sorry, have to choose three: Mango by Sevana, Like Royalty by Protoje ft. Popcaan, Solitude by Lila Iké

If 2020 was a song, what would you call it?

Solitude by Lila Iké

What is your wish for 2021?

A Healthy world sprinkled with love exhibited by all Humanity.

In your opinion, what sets In.Digg.Nation apart from other teams or collectives?

Indignation is not necessarily unique but cudoos to the team of hard working individuals who have put their minds and souls into manifesting the vision of the CEO, **Oje**, and causing the entity to evolve and grow in the industry.

Who from the team would you like to swap roles with for a day and what would you do first?

Yannick Reid our Creative Director - I did video-graphy as a hobby in the nineties mainly filming sporting events but taking over Yannick's job and all his equipment (lol) would be a treat. I would arrange a shoot with the 4 Artistes on our roster- **Protoje**, **Sevana**, **Lila Iké** and **Jaz Elise** and click away at will to hopefully create a magnificent portfolio, if even just for my own use and purpose.

What project are you currently working on?

All projects that require legal and general oversight and documentation which pretty much means several projects on an ongoing basis.

Open question: Anything else you want to let us know?

Just wish to show appreciation for the team and to thank them publicly for the work they put in on a daily basis and to wish for them and their family safety, fulfillment and realization of all their hopes and dreams in the years to follow.

EITHER... OR

Popular fashion or self-made outfit?

Popular fashion

Rum Punch on the beach or spliff in the hills?

In the hills

Romantic dinner or party with friends?

Romantic dinner

Spotify Playlist or Vinyl Collection?

Vinyl collection Note: **Spotify is not a platform** accessible in Jamaica currently.

Grammy Nominee or MOBO Winner?

MOBO winner

Snoop Dogg or Super Cat?

Super Cat

Boxing fight with Trump or Chalice with Kamala Harris?

Chalice with Kamala Harris

Backstage with Koffee or OnStage TV with Chronixx?

OnStage TV with Chronnix



FUTURE FOUNDATION LIVE DUB
FROM KINGSTON TO BROOKLYN

JAMILA PINTO



QUESTIONS

What's been your motto / slogan in 2020?

Be present. Balance and adapt.

Apart from all the negative effects of Corona, what, in your opinion, is a positive outcome?

It gave me the opportunity to really take care of myself, tend to my emotional, physical and mental health and needs - I spent a lot of time alone and got the time to be still (because usually I would be on the road with **Protoje**), so this allowed to me to really pay attention to areas of myself and my life that needed improvement.

What did you miss most during lockdown?

Night time flexes and late night food.

Looking back on 2020, what's your favourite:

In addition to all InDigg project & single releases

Tune? **Still I Wonder - Protoje, Good Comfort - Shenseea, I Wish - Masicka**

Album / EP? **Be Somebody - Sevana, It Was Good Until It Wasnt - Kehlani**

Riddim? I don't know the name of the riddim, but that song from **Masicka "God Damn"**, that riddim BAD.

What is the song you listened to the most in 2020 released by In.Digg.Nation?

Still I Wonder - Protoje // Forget Me - Lila Ike

If 2020 was a song, what would you call it?

Be Somebody - Sevana // Solitude - Lila Ike

What is your wish for 2021?

This may be a strong wish! LOL But for Corona to be gone so we can go outside, have fun, travel and overall have some happier people. And to put on likkle more weight LOL

SHORT PROFILE

Name: **JAMILA PINTO**

Nickname: **JAMS, PINTO, MILA**

Place of birth:

MANDEVILLE, MANCHESTER - JAMAICA

Zodiac sign: **SCORPIO**

Position in the IN.DIGG.NATION:

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, PROTOJE

In your opinion, what sets In.Digg.Nation apart from other teams or collectives?

We are very open and honest with each other and we actually like each other outside of work in terms of, we care about each other's well-being and happiness. We get to express and be ourselves in the best way possible, which allows us to really grow into who we are as individuals. We are patient with each other as well, if we have differences we address them in the most amicable, transparent way and we all ACTUALLY love what we do, so we do our best to compromise and make each other feel comfortable in a way where we can all work together in an efficient and effective way. Yeh man, INDIGG a THE SQUAAAAD for sure.

Who from the team would you like to swap roles with for a day and what would you do first?

DEFINITELY MS B! When I was younger, I wanted to become an attorney (I just may go back to school for a Masters in Law!) because I wanted to be able to 'save' people. I think she does an awesome job to ensure the label is covered legally, she is very thorough, negotiates well and is highly respected.

What project are you currently working on?

We're working on **Jaz Elise's** first EP and my personal project *smiles*, my conference, INDIGGO!

Open question: Anything else you want to let us know?

Be present and treat others how you want to be treated - easier said than done, but always worth the try.

EITHER... OR

Popular fashion or self-made outfit?

Self made custom

Rum Punch on the beach or spliff in the hills?

BEACH flex for sure.

Romantic dinner or party with friends?

romantic dinner

Grammy Nominee or MOBO Winner?

MOBO Winner



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CLAIRE OSMAN



SHORT PROFILE

Name: **CLAIRE OSMAN**

Nickname: **SLICE or SLICEY**

Year of Birth: **1983**

Place of Birth: **LONDON, UK**

Zodiac Sign: **SAGITTARIUS**

Position in the IN.DIGG.NATION:

LABEL MANAGER

QUESTIONS

What's been your motto / slogan in 2020?

"The Universe sincere, she taking care of you" (lyrics from Protoje's "A Matter Of Time"). 2020 was a trying year and it definitely triggered bouts of anxiety for me. Taking a moment to breathe and reassure myself that I was safe and protected and all was well became common practice for me, and I often found myself repeating this lyric as a reminder.

Apart from all the negative effects of Corona, what, in your opinion, is a positive outcome?

COVID has certainly forced us to slow down and appreciate the simpler things in life - such as family and quality time. Working from home has allowed me to spend so much quality time with my family. As a new mom, it has been a joy to spend every day with my little one, and to have my wider family, who are also working from home, around to share in these moments.

What did you miss most during lockdown?

Spending time with friends. Giving and receiving hugs!

Looking back on 2020, what's your favourite:

Tune? **Skip Marley ft. H.E.R. - Slow Down**

Album / EP? **Wizkid - Made In Lagos / Lila Iké -**

The ExPerience

Combination? **Protoje ft. Popcaan - Like Royalty**

What is the song you listened to the most in 2020 released by In.Digg.Nation?

Protoje - Deliverance. One of my favorites from his album.

If 2020 was a song, what would you call it?

Strange Happenings!

What is your wish for 2021?

An end to COVID! A healthy and safe return to outdoors, gatherings and travel.

In your opinion, what sets In.Digg.Nation apart from other teams or collectives?

I think first of all the genuine comradery between **Protoje, Lila, Sevana** and **Jaz** is quickly recognizable to anyone looking in. I also admire the dedication and commitment to quality and professionalism that everyone on the team exhibits, both creatively and on the business side. The work is intentional and solid, and there is great care taken across all elements of the product - from the message and lyrical content, to the artwork and visuals, to our business relations and partnerships.

I admire how the team purposefully taps in with other young, Caribbean creatives to give space to spotlighting the myriad of exceptional talents coming out of our region.

I think all these elements contribute to the reputation we continue to build as a strong and reliable collective, with the genuine and authentic goal of honoring and contributing to the culture and helping to move it forward.

Who from the team would you like to swap roles with for a day and what would you do first?
Probably **Yannick**.

What project are you currently working on?
We're currently gearing up for Jaz's project.

EITHER... OR

Popular fashion or self-made outfit?

Custom outfit

Rum Punch on the beach or spliff in the hills?

Beach

Romantic dinner or party with friends?

Dinner with friends

Spotify Playlist or Vinyl Collection? **Vinyl collection**

Grammy Nominee or MOBO Winner?

MOBO Winner

Snoop Dogg or Super Cat? **Super Cat**

Boxing fight with Trump or Chalice with Kamala Harris? **Chalice with Kamala Harris**

LIONS FLOW AND MAJESTIC 868 PRESENTS



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KUSHITE - BLESS MY SOUL



QUEEN OMEGA - MICRO CHIP



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FREDDIE MCGREGOR INTERVIEW

Lockdown has been busy for enduringly popular singer and Big Ship patriarch Freddie McGregor. He celebrated his 64th birthday with a star-studded streaming concert featuring Cat Coore, Christopher Martin, Dre Island...



SUMMERJAM - LIVE SESSION

This weekend is SummerJam weekend. Because of the Corona Virus the 35th Anniversary edition will not take place this weekend, but from July 2-4, 2021.



REVIEW: VANESSA BONGO - EARTH TO BONGO

It is no mean feat, releasing an album which is musically diverse yet has synergy across it so it feels as one. Fortunately, Vanessa Bongo has done it effortlessly with her latest release.



PETER TOSH'S SON JAWARA MCINTOSH HAS DIED

Peter Tosh's youngest son, Jawara McIntosh aka Tosh1, has died! Jawara was beaten into a coma back in February 2017 by another inmate while serving a sentence for ganja-related charges.



A TASTE OF REGGAE SUMFEST

Reggae Sumfest is going virtual this year and is encouraging viewers to keep the reggae vibes high with friends and family around the globe. Reminding everyone reggae music and Jamaica is the "The Heartbeat of the World"...



REVIEW: MEMORIA - HIDE & SEEK

All eyes on... Memoria! Germany's next generation of Reggae artists has successfully conquered the national festival stages over the last few years and is now ready to go fishing for a wider listenership.

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'TIL SHILOH - RIAA GOLD AWARD

'Til Shiloh, named after a saying meaning "forever," pivoted from Banton's previous rude-boy style to introspective roots reggae. With Donovan German, Lisa Cortes, Bobby "Digital" Dixon, Dave Kelly, Sylvester Gorton...



SEVANA INTERVIEW

Four years after her self-titled debut EP the stunning songstress that is Sevana is about to release her second EP Be Somebody. Six tracks a little less rootsy musically....



REGGAE JAM & UPPSALA REGGAE FESTIVAL

Additional Reggae Jam in Bersenbrück is able to host a small live event called Reggae Jam Summer Lounge during this Corona situation.



REVIEW: PAOLO BALDINI DUBFILES MEETS...

With Covid-19 putting a clamp on the music scene, addicts are currently confined to visiting the vaults of stored sounds. However, for those who have exhausted their trip down memory lane and are in search of some new and...



REVIEW: ROOTZ UNDERGROUND - RED GOLD GREEN

Red, gold and green - three colours, three energies, three... albums? Indeed, with Red - Gold - Green, Rootz Underground release a triple album on July 23rd, a significant date chosen because it is the 128th birthday...



REVIEW: SEVANA - BE SOMEBODY EP

What sounds quite a simple instruction at first is a complex matter if taken into deeper consideration: Be Somebody. Is being yourself enough to be somebody?

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PAOLO BALDINI DUBFILES

WAILING SOULS feat. ALBOROSIE



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BONAFIDE feat. DAMIAN JR GONG MARLEY



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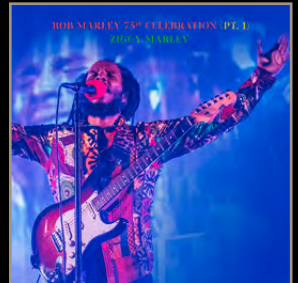
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KONKARAH feat. SHAGGY



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ZIGGY MARLEY



DIVINE MAJESTY RIDDIM



DRE Z MELODI



DEXTA DAPS



CHRONIXX



STRANJAH MILLER



THE SKINTS

PHOTOS



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STEPHEN NEWLAND

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This year, though challenging and all tours cancelled was an excellent time of introspection and a time to be measured in the eyes of the Most High and ones self and try to make necessary corrections in livity and perspective. We celebrated **Rootz Underground** 20th anniversary and we released an unprecedented reggae triple album entitled **Red Gold Green** through the powers of the Most High and even though we were disappointed not being able to bring musical healing to a world in hurt in a physical way, we made this contribution for bredrin and sistren listening pleasure and healing. Stay positive everyone and give Jah thanks in all things. Bless



ITALEE

A special moment for me was being able to release my **Babylon Money** Single and almost completing my album that's set for release in 2021. I've been working on this project for a while, and this shifting of the time just propelled me into recognising that I gotta get things moving and play my part in the advancement of the entire human race before I leave Planet Earth, so that was one of those special moments for me. Also, to be communicating more with my neighbours and watching them come together to create spaces that our children could go into and be active, that was great as well.

What touched me a lot was that there were so many people just reaching out and sending love, messages of togetherness and giving strength in their words to pull us through these times of lockdown, just sincerely positive people nourishing each other. A lot of messages that kept me going, and I was moved by the presence of love and care and people who just really wanna live in peace and recognizing that we are all one and that we can't let anybody tear us apart... that really moved me. So with the spirit of togteherness we can really conquer all. We all are our brothers' keeper!

My biggest highlight of 2020 is the recognition that New Earth came into full effect, just the changing of the time... the lockdowns, the whole Covid-threat, just the fact that we all had to find a new way to be. What made it a highlight for me is how the families came together, specially my family. We started doing things that we had wanted to do a long time ago, we started farming more, we started pulling everything we had together to make it work, so the energy of togetherness was really springing in 2020. To recognize that we are really amazing beings, humanity is amazing, that's my highlight. We can conquer all and get through it, we just have to stick together and stand up for each other!

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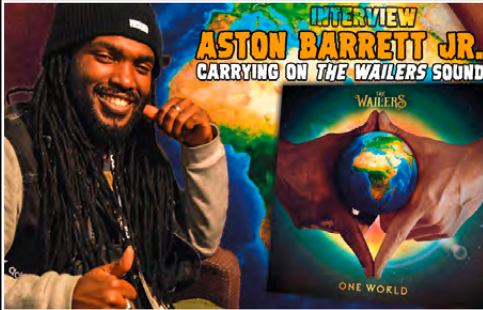
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ASTON BARRETT JR. INTERVIEW

The Wailers release fourth studio album, *One World*, on August 21st. Their first solo effort in over 25 years, it's also the first since bassist Aston Family Man Barrett retired from live performance and his drummer son, Aston Jr....



PROTOJE INTERVIEW

St Elizabethan lyricist Protoje drops fifth official studio album *In Search Of Lost Time* on August 28th. Like the previous four albums it references time in its title and as its concept.



EDDIE GRANT vs. DONALD TRUMP

Donald Trump, the 45th President of the United States of America, tweeted a 54-second animated clip on August 13 to mock his opponent Joe Biden.



BUJU BANTON GIFTS SCHOLARSHIP

Denham Town High School alumni and reggae icon, Buju Banton, established the scholarship in honour of his beloved mother Murdine Clarke. Awarded to financially challenged boys, at that institution, who despite hardships...



REVIEW: MO ALI - ALHAMDO LILAH

A new name in the Reggae Universe is Mo Ali, who has made his mark as lead singer for Sudan Roots and the Marley tribute-band Rootsriders, but grows to be recognized for his solo-works as well.



REVIEW: WAILING SOULS - BACK A YARD

The irrepressible Wailing Souls are showing no signs of losing artistic momentum, if their latest album is anything to go by. Because they are back (and with this album, 'back in Jamaica') and still at the top of their game.

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JAMAICA 58 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The music stars, Shaggy, Marcia Griffiths and Ken Boothe will be presented with Jamaica Reggae Icon Awards at the event which will feature popular local artistes, including the 2020 Jamaica Festival Song winner...



ALBUM REVIEW
REVIEW: TARRUS RILEY - HEALING

Channeling the energy not spent on stage into a constructive project, Mr. Riley came up with a brand new album called Healing, created exclusively during the COVID-19-lockdown. All tracks but one were produced by...



ALBUM REVIEW
REVIEW: TOOTS & THE MAYTALS - GOT TO BE TOUGH

It's a collaborative affair, with Toots and his Maytals joining unlikely forces with The Who drummer (and label supporter) Zak Starkey, as well as co-producer Nigel Burrell, for a 10-song trip through classic reggae, ska, and soul.



INTERVIEW WITH A HEALER
TARRUS RILEY
TARRUS RILEY INTERVIEW

His new album, a product of the Corona-lockdown, comes at a time where people are in dire need of what its title promises: Healing. The 12-track release is a reflection of happenings in the here and now, rich in music and lyrics...



EP REVIEW
REVIEW: SKIP MARLEY - HIGHER PLACE EP

The brand that began innocently enough over five decades ago, with the emergence of a Jamaican ghetto youth singer named Robert Nesta Marley, has grown exponentially into the Marley global empire.



ALBUM REVIEW
REVIEW: PROTOJE - IN SEARCH OF LOST TIME

Protoje is an artist that, at times, seems to be the „resident of an unknown home“ for real. His intellect vibrates on a high plane from which he delivers his philosophical, reflective and sharp lyrics, and his fascination with time...

VIDEO PREMIERES



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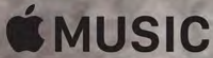


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ARKAINGELLE INTERVIEW

In the Book of Revelation, Archangel Michael (a name that, in ancient Hebrew, means „Who is like God?") leads the heavenly armies against the dark forces and defeats Satan.



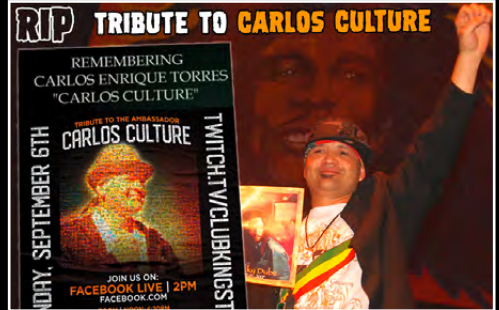
REVIEW: SPRAGGA BENZ - THE JOURNEY CHOSEN

Exactly one year after he released the fire-cracker Chili-agon, Spragga Benz now presents his newest feat: The Journey Chosen. That Carlton Errington Grant chose music as his life's journey became obvious when he started...



REVIEW: SOOM T - THE ARCH

The Raggamuffin Princess strikes again! A mere two years after she dropped the 13-track-strong Born Again, Soom T delivers another Longplayer containing 12 new composition.



TRIBUTE TO CARLOS CULTURE

Rest in power Carlos Culture! The Reggae family mourns the passing of a true Reggae ambassador. Carlos Enrique Torres aka Carlos Culture passed away on August 24, 2020.



SIZZLA @ THE MIXER

The first staging of 'The Mixer' slated for Saturday, September 5, 2020 at 7pm will feature the likes of Skorcha, Runkus, Jae Prynse, Vyzadon, Blvk H3ro, Agent Sasco (backed by The Agents), and Sizzla Kalonji...



REVIEW: BRAMMA - RUGGED & DEADLY

Rugged & Deadly, released via Riddim Force Records and Brama's own label GOD Records, sees the former take charge of executive production across the album. This always-reliable production outfit's influence shows...

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MO ALI INTERVIEW

Reggaeville, who had the pleasure to meet the charismatic young man at last year's SummerJam Festival in Cologne, discovered the story behind his beautiful music, music for which he has even been held captive in Sudan...



LOUIS AMON JOSEK INTERVIEW

It is his first film and has already earned him several awards: OUT DEH – The Youth of Jamaica. A documentary that is not just the first professional full-length project but also a very dear and personal piece of art to director...



REVIEW: ARKAINGELLE - NAH WATAH DOWN

Music is the sound of angels speaking, some say. The voices of the archangels, then, must have an even greater importance, as they transmit important messages from God to mankind.



RIP TOOTS HIBBERT

It is with the heaviest of hearts to announce that Frederick Nathaniel „Toots“ Hibbert passed away peacefully tonight, surrounded by his family at the University Hospital of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica.



RIP DENVER SMITH

When I first met Denver Smith aka Feluké for an interview five years ago in the Big Yard Studio in Kingston, I was extremely impressed by his calm strength, his confidence and his smiling congeniality.



REVIEW: ZIGGY MARLEY - MORE FAMILY TIME

In 2009, Ziggy Marley issued Family Time. It was an album of tidy, smart, and colorful songs aimed at children, and the child inside every adult, loaded with guest cameos, including members of the Marley family...

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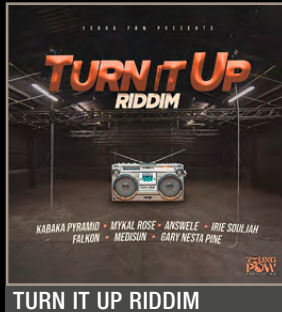
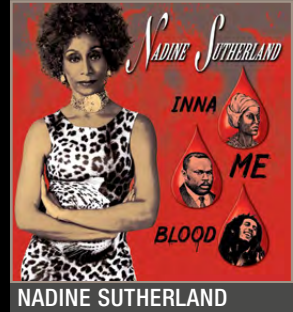
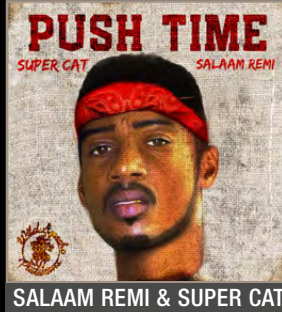
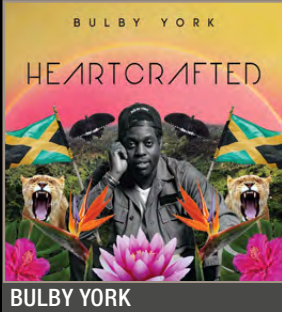
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ROYAL BLU

PHOTO BY YANNICK REID

I must say that every day and moment that I was alive in 2020 was a special one because of the year it has been. My highlight for 2020 was being able to shoot a music video at my old high school. I used to get in trouble for doing music back then and even had my songbooks confiscated, so it was a blessing to be able to shoot the music video for my single called "G" up there years later. And personally, going to Mystic Mountain in Ocho Rios with my high school friends who are still my close friends to this day, was a major highlight.

There was a moment when **Kabaka** joined **Chronixx's** Instagram Live and they were basically saying how dope of an artiste I was. It really made me feel amazing because those are two artistes I respect very highly and can say I'm a huge fan of them.



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YELLOWMAN

PHOTO BY OMAR JOHNSON

I am most thankful for life. As everyone can attest, Coronavirus took away a lot from all of us in 2020. We lost many opportunities, friends, and family. Reggae especially took a huge hit losing many artist and musicians. The loss of **Toots** hit me the hardest.

But this also gives me hope. We are resilient. We will live in their honor and memory. You got to be tough, as **Toots** say. While I wasn't able to do my usual tours, I did get to record 6 music videos with my daughter **K'reema**. **Kiss Me Each Morning** was the first one and we have plenty more for the fans coming. I am also working on new music. So the world can look out for that too. 2020 was bad, but it was also good. Good to take a breath and reflect on what's important. Here is to a better days in 2021!

2020 was a doozy, but one moment that stood out for me personally was performing alongside **Sizzla** at **Sizzla & Friends** live on **OnStage TV**. That moment really was an eye-opener that the caliber of people Jah is placing me around just keeps going up. October 9th, the day my brother **Wayne-J** and I released **The New Millennium** project along with **Delicious Vinyl Island** was another special day. I think the moment of seeing a black man helpless on the ground and watching his life fade away in front of my eyes was the most painful thing to see. That moment touched me and the whole world on a deep level even that I don't think we will ever forget.



MICAH SHEMAIAH

PHOTO BY ON THE ROOTS

Can't think about highlights when I have lost so much this year and the world is in chaos. Music is a vehicle for spiritual and mental stability, not a commercial for me. The most touching moment was a deep hug from my son.



MO ALI

PHOTO BY CELINE DIELS

A professional highlight was the release of my 1st EP **Alhamdo Lilah**. Personally, a highlight was that I moved to live in a new city in the North of Netherlands. Every day is a special day as long as I'm healthy. I keep counting my blessings!

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RIP BUNNY STRIKER LEE

The musical fraternity mourns the loss of Edward O'Sullivan Lee OD, better known as Bunny "Striker" Lee. As several members of the industry posted on social media last night, the Jamaican producer has passed away...



RIP JOHNNY NASH

John Lester Nash Jr., born in August 1940, „passed away from natural causes at his home in Houston" last Tuesday (October 6, 2020), his son told CNN, at age 80 after a long and fruitful life.



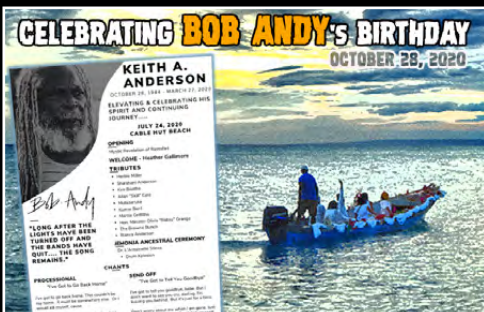
SHAGGY TO RELEASE CHRISTMAS REGGAE ALBUM

This quintessential reggae Christmas themed collection puts a Caribbean twist on traditional Christmas cheer with 15 tracks of island-infused holiday songs, featuring guest performances from Beenie Man, Bounty Killer...



JAZ ELISE JOINS IN.DIGG.NATION COLLECTIVE

Jaz Elise, the Jamaican contemporary artist who fuses soul, R&B, reggae and dancehall, inks a deal with In.Digg. Nation Collective / Six Course / RCA Records.



CELEBRATING BOB ANDY'S BIRTHDAY

On Bob Andy's 76th Earthstrong, following his passing in March of this year, we celebrate his enduring legacy and remarkable catalogue of songs covered by over 60 Jamaican and International Artists.



THE SKATALITES PPV LIVE STREAM

Friday October 30th at 9:30pm eastern The Skatalites will perform onstage from Sony Hall in New York City and broadcast LIVE using multiple cameras and pro audio & lighting for the best online concert experience...

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BOB MARLEY GIG MARKED WITH A PLAQUE

On June 7 1980, Bob Marley & The Wailers played what was to be their last, and said to their biggest, London concert at Crystal Palace Bowl.



REVIEW: MYSTIC REVEALERS - JAH JAH PEOPLE

It's a sign of the times that new releases can't be promoted with live gigs or live listening sessions at the moment. However, if a seminal band like the Mystic Revelers publishes their first album in over 20 years, something...



REVIEW: PERFECT GIDDIMANI - DUMPLIN SHOP

In 2017, Perfect Giddimani shocked his fans with the statement that Live My Life Again would be his final album: „This is my last album,“ he said back then, „but I will still be making music.“



DEVON IRONS INTERVIEW

The name Devon Irons is familiar to all serious fans of roots reggae as the name adorning two of the most seminal singles to have been produced at the Black Ark during one of Lee Scratch Perry's most fruitful and creative...



BILLY MYSTIC INTERVIEW

Mystic Revelers - the name alone evokes a pleasant shiver, heralding the discovery of enigmatic knowledge and meditative music.



ANNOUNCEMENT TOOTS HIBBERT FINAL RITES

Kingston, Jamaica: Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, the Honourable Olivia Grange has announced plans for the farewell arrangements for Reggae legend Frederick "Toots" Hibbert.

VIDEO PREMIERES



BIG YOUTH - SUCH IS LIFE



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BRAMMA feat. FREDDIE MCGREGOR



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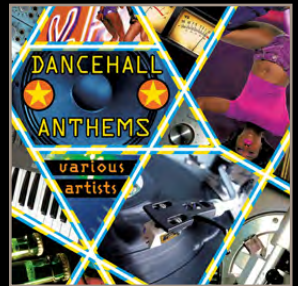
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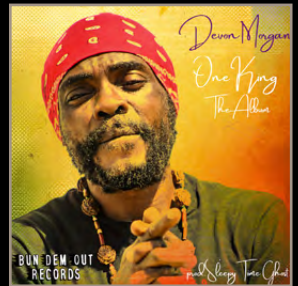
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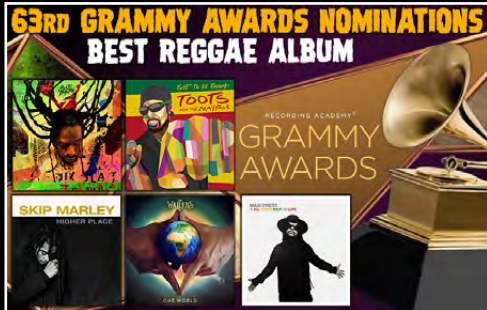
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63rd GRAMMY AWARDS NOMINATIONS

The 63rd Annual Grammy Awards nominees have been revealed. Congratulations to all nominees! Five releases made it to the final round and winners will be awarded in January 2021.



MOBO AWARDS 2020 - NOMINATIONS

After a two year break the MOBO Awards are back. The UK's biggest celebration of Black music and culture will take place on 9 December,...



KABAKA PYRAMID MIXTAPE IMMACULATE

As a tumultuous 2020 comes to an end, reggae star Kabaka Pyramid and famed producer and DJ Max Glazer are gifting us with a remarkable body of work with the IMMACULATE mixtape.



KOFFEE @ SECRET 7 CHARITY AUCTION

Koffee's anthem Toast was part of a very special charity auction called SECRET 7, which the creators describe as a fundraising platform with an emphasis on fun and inclusivity.



SHADOWS AFTER DARK CAMPAIGN

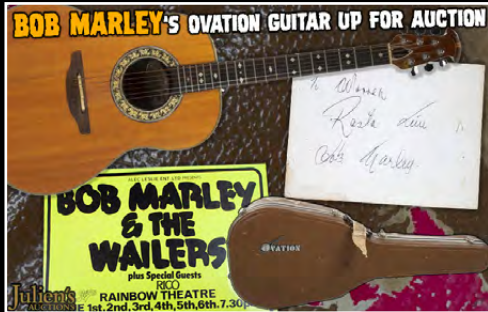
The National Task Force Against Trafficking in Persons (NATFATIP) has partnered with VP Records to launch a campaign to raise awareness against human trafficking. The launch kicked off on November 23, 2020,...



REVIEW: GENTLEMAN - BLAUE STUNDE

We know and love Gentleman as an artist who combines his exceptional vocals with a deep passion for Reggae and Dancehall culture, who regularly enthuses thousands of fans in his spectacular live-shows...

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BOB MARLEY'S OVATION GUITAR UP FOR AUCTION

The accompanied story about the guitar that Marley's girlfriend Cindy Breakspeare hit him in an argument with the guitar is an unpublished anecdote from Marley's life. It's part of a notarized letter, which proves the authenticity...



STING IS BACK - ONLINE EDITION 2020

Sting promoter Isaiiah Laing has announced that he and his team have decided to discontinue plans to host a virtual edition of the event this year.



REVIEW: AGENT SASCO - SASCO vs. ASSASSIN

Agent Sasco is back with his latest EP: a deep dive into modern Dancehall which pits him against his previous musical incarnation.



HARRISON STAFFORD PRESENTS ONLINE COURSE

Harrison Stafford, leader of Groundation, presents a six week online course titled The History of Reggae Music. From 1999 to 2001 Stafford has taught this course at the Sonoma State University in California.



BUJU BANTON HELPS AT RISK BOYS

In 2019 Buju Banton was awarded the Marcus Garvey Humanitarian Award by the International Reggae And World Music Awards (IRAWMA) for his notable charitable works, through the Buju Banton Foundation.



REVIEW: ROCKY DAWUNI - VOICE OF BUNBON VOL. 1

A mere 20 months after his fine Beats Of Zion album, Rocky Dawuni is back with an EP entitled Voice of Bunbon - and the Vol. 1 suggests that we can look forward to a second part as well!

VIDEOS PREMIERES



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ISRAEL VOICE - NYOMI



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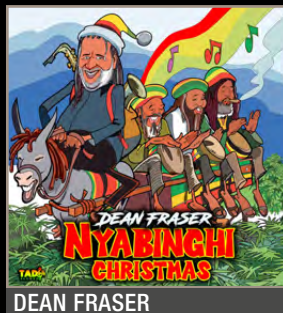
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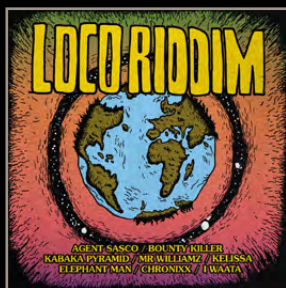
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NATTALI RIZE

PHOTO BY CR380R

Despite not being able to tour and travel as I usually do, 2020 has been an amazing year of creativity, connections, art and heart felt unity in our common trials and tribulations as a global family.

Grateful to have been able to share more new music, the official launch of Rize Nation creative platform, working and releasing new songs with upcoming super talents like Minori. Creating a successful gofund campaign with Kumar to build an outdoor classroom at his mom's prep school in St Elizabeth Jamacia, while leading a team of over 200 growers from around the world with the Itopia Life 'Get Growing' Campaign!

But most of all it was the time to look inward to self. To learn, process, accept, heal and realign my inner world, expanding and discovering more about my self and therefore the yoUniverse around me in order to continue along this journey and the missions in this life.



TARRUS RILEY

PHOTO BY SAMO KUSH-I

Personally, in 2020 we tried to get stronger physically, mentally, spiritually... I read more, exercised, to build up myself, so when the world opens up, I'm a stronger person. I got a lot of time to stay home, in a me yard, plant some greens and plant some food, you know. Also, I put out the album **Healing**, a very special project for the time, expressing what's going on. Big song **Lighter** come out a that, big song **Remember Me**, some nice music, some real highgrade songwriting and singing and production. **Healing** go out in the world and do what it's supposed to do. That was great!

2020 teach me to make every day special, because a lot of people lose a lot of people, and I know how it is to lose someone. The most special moment is every moment, I try to make special now. It sounds cliché but it's the truth!

What touched me the most... well, that's a personal thing, but since you asked: just making music and being in the music and watching how people react to the music is one thing that touched me. Like, even the **Lighter** tune, it make a whole heap a people happy in a time when a whole heap of depressing and sad vibes was around. And then, being on the ground, working on myself, this moved me nuff. I'm looking forward to great things!



BILLY MYSTIC (MYSTIC REVEALERS) PHOTO BY ISHACK WILMOT




Personally and professionally I would have to say that my highlight was the successful release of our album **Jah Jah People** - the first in 25 years! What also made it more of a highlight was all the obstacles that we had to overcome to do it... the loss of the original album hard drives in the 2019 family house fire and of course the Covid-19 scare and restrictions.

You see, my philosophy has been to savor every moment in life... rejoicing in the joyous ones and trying to learn from the tough ones. Because of this approach it is very hard to isolate one moment as the best because in so doing it automatically devalues all the other moments... so I will have to say "being alive" was special to me.

What moved me most was witnessing the end of another year as Revelation unfolds before our eyes... and the joy of watching my grand children growing up in front of me.

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TOOTS HIBBERT PETITION

This campaign is spearheaded by reggae aficionado Roger Steffens who is a world-renowned historian of Bob Marley and Reggae Music, and curator of his Reggae Archives....



ALBUM OF THE YEAR 2020 POLL

In the past years the album poll contained 200-300 releases. All releases in our database were automatically part of the voting and it was a tuff challenge for the fans to select their favorite three releases.



KOFFEE @ H&M HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN

The recently released commercial features a humble, hopeful and heartwarming New Year's poem performed by Koffee. And a wish – that 2021 will be so much better than 2020.



KAIYA MACK COVERS LAST CHRISTMAS

7-year-old Kaiya Mack has her heart set on raising \$10,000 to help children and families in need. Born with a rare birth defect of the abdominal wall called Gastroschisis, a condition that causes the intestines to be outside...



REVIEW: JERONE - RISING EP

Debut releases always harbour a certain magic. Like footprints on an empty beach, the first ever tracks presented to the public trace an artist's journey into the fascinating realm of music, and as such should be subject to...



JUNIOR TOOTS PAYS TRIBUTE TO HIS FATHER

Great music never gets old, especially when Junior Toots releases the newest remake of his father's famous track, Sweet and Dandy. The Toots Hibbert legacy lives on through Junior Toots, born and raised in St Mary, Jamaica

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BUJU BANTON INTERVIEW

25 years ago, on July 18, 1995 Buju Banton released his groundbreaking album 'Til Shiloh that marked his international breakthrough and is seen as a turn towards a more serious path.



BUJU BANTON WINS MOBO AWARD

On winning this special award, Buju Banton says „I thank the MOBO Awards committee, but most of all I thank everyone who has supported me and continues to support me. Let's continue to allow music to do its job as the...



JACOB MILLER'S NATTY CHRISTMAS RE-RELEASE

It's been 42 years since Inner Circle and their charismatic lead singer Jacob Miller recorded Natty Christmas, a jolly reggae spin on the Yuletide season featuring deejay Ray I. This year, the Bad Boys of Reggae are re-releasing...



RIP ALBERT GRIFFITHS

He founded The Gladiators in 1965 with his childhood-friends David Webber and Errol Grandison (who were later replaced by Clinton Fearon and Gallimore Sutherland)...



JERONE INTERVIEW

There is a whole lot of talent out there - and a lot of it remains hidden. Think of competition shows like The X Factor, The Voice etc. what you will, they do give people an opportunity to showcase their talents to the public.



BOB MARLEY MUSICAL - GET UP STAND UP!

The legacy and music of Bob Marley is celebrated on the London stage in 2021. Get Up, Stand Up! The Bob Marley Musical will enjoy a world premiere at the Lyric Theatre, starring Arinzé Kene as the musical superstar and...

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QUEEN OMEGA - MICRO CHIP



RASTA BEIRUT - SAYIAN



JUBBA WHITE, KUMAR & MONTY



KMETIK NYNE - REGGAE WAY



JAH DEFENDER - TOUGH LIKE JAH



SIMIJI WOUNDED LION - JAM AFRICA

RECALL feat. MILLION STYLEZ



GANJA LOVE (REMIX)

BLESSED



BLACK MAN

KAIYA MACK



LAST CHRISTMAS

RELEASES



SET UP SHOP VOLUME 4



SEAN PAUL, JESSE ROYAL & MUTABARUKA



SKILLIBENG



TRESHA



MASSAGANA



KABAKA PYRAMID



NATTALI RIZE & KUMAR



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ALVIN "SEECO" PATTERSON 90TH EARTHSTRONG TRIBUTE

By Tomaz Jardim





Alvin „Seeco“ Patterson, Dennis Thompson, Bruce Talamon, Dave Madden & Bob Marley 11/24/1979
BACKSTAGE @ SAN DIEGO SPORTS ARENA, USA

PHOTO BY ROGER STEFFENS

On December 30th 2020, my good friend **Alvin „Seeco“ Patterson** celebrated his 90th birthday – a remarkable milestone for someone whose life has spanned the history of Jamaican music as we know it. Every time I sit with **Seeco**, I am reminded of the remarkable role he played, the things that he witnessed, and of course the incredible tracks that he lent his talents to in the studio. Though **Seeco**’s earliest musical forays were with calypso artist **Lord Flea** in the 1950s, he is best known as the percussionist for the **Wailers** and as **Bob Marley**’s closest confidant. Like no other individual, **Seeco**’s history and the history of the **Wailers** are inextricably bound.

From the earliest days of the original **Wailers**, when **Seeco** secured for them their first recording date at **Studio One** in 1964, right through to **Bob Marley**’s last performance in Pittsburgh in 1980, **Seeco** was there. **Seeco** has always been fond of recollecting those days, telling, for instance, of how disappointed **Bob**, **Peter** and **Bunny** had been when they were rejected by **Coxsone Dodd** at the audition **Seeco** had arranged. **Seeco** still recalls asking **Bob**, “what song did you sing for him?” When **Bob** replied that they had performed a ballad, **Seeco** insisted that the **Wailers** go right back and sing “**Simmer Down**” for **Coxsone**. The rest, as they say, is history. Sadly, **Seeco** also often recounts **Bob**’s last days during his cancer treatment in Germany, and how far he had come with his “likkle friend.”

Over the course of the last twenty-five years, I’ve had the great honour of working with **Seeco** in the Studio on a few very memorable occasions. More importantly, however, I’ve had the joy of sharing his friendship, and knowing first hand his unique laugh and observations of the world, be it out at his favorite spot at Bull Bay beach, or watching a jazz band in New York City. **Seeco**’s life thus far has been a remarkable odyssey – hailing originally from Havana, Cuba, **Seeco** worked the bauxite mines of Jamaica before meeting a teenage **Bob Marley** in Trenchtown and going on to tour every corner of the world. As his body grows older, **Seeco** is still and forever heartened by his faith in Rastafari – indeed another story he often recounts is racing through downtown Kingston on his bicycle to witness the arrival of **Haile Selassie** during his momentous visit to the city in April 1966. “Jah Live!”, **Seeco** would certainly declare.

We are blessed to still have **Seeco** with us – a witness from a generation that unfortunately has otherwise largely passed on. And of course what **Seeco** has given us will always be with us. Just think, for instance, of the simple but magical sound of his percussion stick three times striking an empty milk bottle on “Jamming” every two bars. Modest beauty.

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HIGHLIGHTS 2020

Compiled by Gardy Stein



RUNKUS

PHOTO BY DESTINEE CONDISON

Blessed love! "The G" **Runkus** representing for **Reggaeville** everytime - maad, sick, G! 2020 was a very crazy year, so respect to all of those who made it through and those who are still pushing.

It's a testing time for everyone. We lost a lot of great people, so first of all I like to just send my love out to those families, those people, everyone having a hard time. There are a lot of moments that were special to me or moved me, but sometimes negative moments can also inspire you to be more resilient, so... there was a moment when, based on the quarantine order, Portmore got locked down, that's where I'm from, and it was either fight or flight, either staying and let this moment downrod or depress me or staying and let this moment inspire me and feel hopeful towards a better tomorrow and make some music, so I chose to make the music, stay creative and bring some hope. That's how nuff tunes came about, so I give thanks for that.

A highlight for me and my team was a song called **5 Gs** produced by **Runkus Music** and **Walshy Fire**, featuring myself, **Royal Blu**, **Jesse Royal**, **Kabaka Pyramid** and **Mungo Honorable**. It's a wicked tune! It's great when you can put the message to the music and still go through.



ROCKY DAWUNI

PHOTO BY TREYZ KAPTURE STUDIO

The highlight of my 2020 was multi-dimensional. On the personal level, it was about being able to absorb the challenge of such an unusual year and transforming it into a positive and creative year. My personal creative energy was amplified with lots of writing sessions that explored different emotional, physical and spiritual perspectives of a world in crisis from an African perspective. It was crowned with my ultimately recording and releasing an EP late last year (**Voice of Bunbon, Vol. 1**) that was mostly inspired by our shared global circumstances.

It is tough to find things to celebrate considering the nature of the year, but I'll say the most special day of the year was when the travel ban and lockdown were lifted giving many people the opportunity to assess the magnanimity of the issues that the whole world was dealing with and the rough road ahead to finding redemption.

What moved me a lot was the observation that people are beginning to wake up to the role of their choices in manifesting the life they wish to live and not to outsource personal sovereignty to third parties or fall to the powerful allure of the Babylonian con plan.



KABAKA PYRAMID

PHOTO BY PATRICK STUYS

My highlight was definitely dropping the **Immaculate Mixtape** and seeing the great response to the project as a whole as well as individual songs. We really put a lot of work into it in the month leading up to the release and being able to bring back some of that 90s 2000s mixtape vibes was great for me personally. Thanks to my team, **Max Glazer** and all the artists and producers for making it a reality. I especially loved working on **Kontraband** part 2 with **Zilla**, that was really special and crazy vibes in the studio!



SPRAGGA BENZ

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My highlight of 2020 was definitely the release of **The Journey Chosen** album, executively produced by **Redsquare Production**. September 28th, 00:00 was the most special time and day of 2020 because it was precisely a year since the **Chiliagon** album and the day **The Journey Chosen** was released.

What moved me the most was meeting my own deadline with a product that i was fully satisfied with producing... **The Journey Chosen!**

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TOGETHER WE STAND

PUBLIC VOTING RESULTS



#3 LILA IKÉ
THE EXPERIENCE EP

In the past years the album poll contained 200-300 releases. All releases in our database were automatically part of the voting and it was a tuff challenge for the fans to select their favorite three releases. In 2020 the voting process was bit different:

For the first time, we made an internal pre-selection. The voting panel included 22 people from **Team-Reggaeville** and we invited a few guests:

Mattia (Warrior Sound International, Germany), **Robbo Ranx** (Robbo Ranx Radio, UK), **Fabi Benz** (Germany), **Carter van Pelt** (USA), **Shotta Paul** (Jugglerz, Germany), **Lukie Wyniger** (SRF 3 Radio, Switzerland), **Shrik Kotecha** (DJ 745, UK) and **MC Allgi** (Sentinel Sound, Germany).

30 people submitted their favorite releases of 2020, a total of 160 different releases. 56 of these entries made it to the public voting.

Determined by 4500 votes from 1500 registered voters @ REGGAEVILLE.com, we present the TOP33!

<p>#9 POPCAAN FIXTAPE</p>	<p>#10 SKIP MARLEY HIGHER PLACE EP</p>	<p>#11 ANTHONY B KING IN MY CASTLE</p>	<p>#12 O.B.F. SIGNZ</p>	<p>#13 VYBZ KARTEL TO TANESHA</p>
<p>#19 TOOTS & THE MAYTALS GOT TO BE TOUGH</p>	<p>#20 DRE ISLAND NOW I RISE</p>	<p>#21 GENTLEMAN BLAUË STUNDE</p>	<p>#22 BLAKKAMOORE UPWARD SPIRAL</p>	<p>#23 JERONE RISING EP</p>
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WHA' GWAAN MUNCHY?!? & MORE



Shaggy @ Wha' Gwaan Munchy?!? #56



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Mortimer @ Wha' Gwaan Munchy?!? #53



Devin Di Dakta @ Wha' Gwaan Munchy?!? #52



Micah Shemaiah Interview



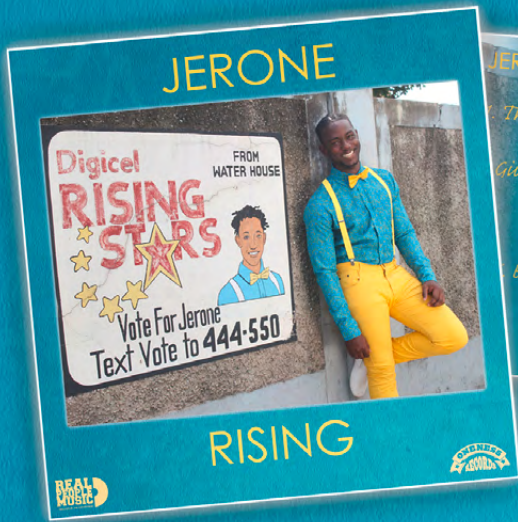
ZBEK Interview



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RISING

The debut EP by Jerone



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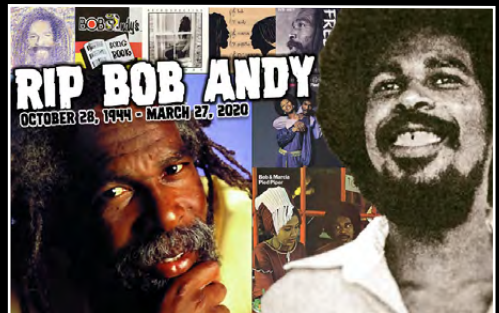
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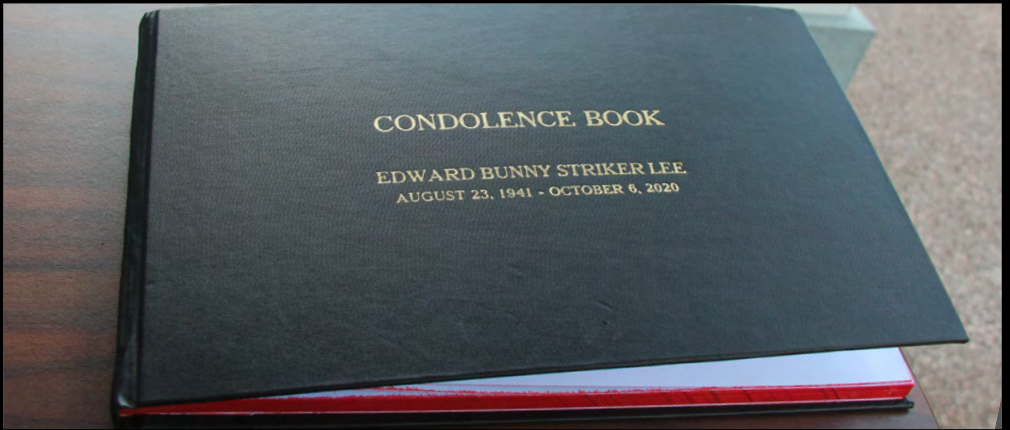


REST IN POWER



Albert Griffiths
 Andy Capp
 Apple Gabriel
 Arnold Brackenridge
 Barry O'Hare
 Basile Magictuts
 Betty Wright
 Bob Andy
 Bobby Digital
 Bunny "Striker" Lee
 Carlos Culture
 Count Shelly
 Dalton Browne

Delroy Washington
 Denise Jones
 Denver "Feluke" Smith
 Derrick Lara
 Dobby Dobson
 Drew Keys



REST IN POWER



Eddie Parkins
 Father German
 Fikisha Cumbo
 Frederick "Tippa" Moncrieffe
 Gil Bailey
 Hubert Lee
 Janet Smith
 Jawara McIntosh
 Johnny Golding
 Johnny Nash
 Judah Eskender Tafari
 Klarbautermann
 Labba Labba



Likkle Wicked
 Lynford "Hux" Brown
 Majek Fashek
 Manu Dibango
 Millie Small
 Mory Kante

REST IN POWER



Mr Chicken
 Mushapata
 Naggo Morris
 Norris Reid
 Pad Anthony
 Purpleman
 Ravann Rachell

Richie Mac
 Sam Clayton Jr.
 Tony Allen
 Toots Hibbert
 UK Principal
 Webster "Webby Jay" Johnson



Interment

FREDERICK "TOOTS" HIBBERT
 National Heroes Park, Kingston
 Sunday November 15, 2020
 9:00 am - 9:45 am

OFFICIATING CLERGY
 Rev. Al Miller & Dr. Carlene Davis

Programme

Prelude
 Nexxus (with Bongo Herman on Drums)

Opening Statement
 Rev. Al Miller

Prayers
 Dr. Carlene Davis

Performance
 Demario McDowell
(Jah is my Keeper)

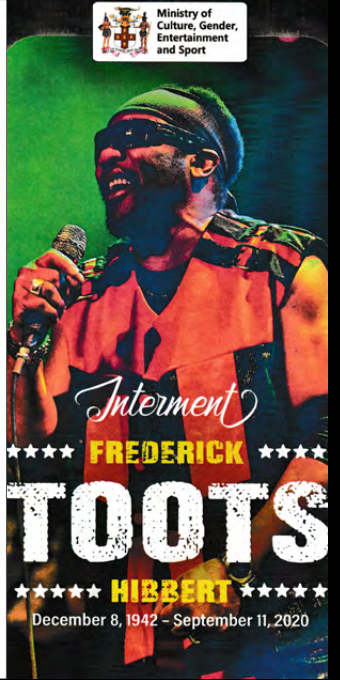
Committal of Body
 Rev. Al Miller

Lowering of Body
(During lowering of body Dean Fraser plays)

Covering of Vault
During Covering of Vault Nexxus and Bongo Herman does FLY AWAY HOME
(Nexxus then continues with lively chorus until Vault is covered)

Benediction
 Rev. Al Miller

Closing Statement
 Rev. Al Miller



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