

The 19th Annual Jamaica Day Celebration

As we join the other countries in the world to celebrate the 47th anniversary of Jamaica's Independence, which took place on Aug. 6th, 1962. Jamaica Day provides for us the pride and joy of being unique;

it is a show of revolutionary defiance for us living abroad to highlight our solidarity, love and patriotism are reflective on the many insignias of Jamaica which will be depicted on our garments, as well as in the ambience of our camaraderie and of course our music.

Independent Promotions Entertainment Inc. (IPEG) promoters of the 19th annual Jamaica Day celebration in Toronto is a committee of dedicated community workers who have worked together in numerous charitable projects to benefit Jamaicans at home and overseas over the years. The committee members are dedicated to the perseverance and promotions of Jamaica's cultural heritage particularly the musical and dramatic heritage.

Our 19th year & going strong!

Saturday, July 25, 2009 at the Downsview Park, 75 Carl Hall Road, Toronto, Ontario.

over 200,000 happy Reggae & Soca lovers in 19 years

we have showcased over 100 of the biggest Reggae & Soca Artists in world

we have showcased over 126 of the biggest local Canadian Reggae & Soca acts

There is something for everyone at Jamaica Day:

The Jamaica Day organizers, Karen, Funky and Logie have been delivering great packages each year, this year is no different, with the added day, I assure you, your weekend will be unforgettable. We will bring together a diverse mixture of people, entertainers and activities creating the traditional style of Jamaica's Euphoria. The 2008 mission is to broaden and deepen the public's appreciation of cultural diversity by creating a two (2) day family oriented festival geared to educate, entertain, and share the rich culture of Jamaican community.

This refinement of the traditional Jamaican style festival presentation promises to celebrate our heritage through speakers such as our own, Consulate General Vivia Betton along with the Toronto City Councillor for Ward 11-York South-Weston Ms. Frances Nunziata. The Jamaican food and beverages, art and craft and midway rides for children and adults along with infectious gospel, reggae, calypso and R&B music along with the electrifying sounds of our backing bands. Soccer games, Domino tournament, Jamaica skits and folklores, dances, basketball tournaments and so much more.

Craft vendors

The craft vendors' market represents a variety of professional crafts people that offer fine, jewelry, CDs, photography, magazines, clothing, souvenir items and many more to take home.

Food vendors

Our food vendors offer a wide variety of excellent traditional Jamaican foods ranging from jerk chicken, ital stews, patties, curried goat, oxtail dishes, fish dishes, corn soup, boil and roast corn and lots more. For the sweet tooth lovers, you will be able to pick up ice creams, pies, sweets, vegetables and festival.

Sponsors

We couldn't do it without these fine businesses and organizations! Please patronize our sponsors to thank them for their assistance. The success of the festival is due to their dedication, financial assistance, and efforts. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors. For sponsorship package please email us jamaicaday@jamaicadaytoronto.com.

Children's programs

Dynamic programming designed for children of all ages, youth and the young at heart features artists on stage, field events, poetry and short story reading, demonstrations and displays that encourage audiences to discover the culture of Jamaica presented by Jamaica information service (JIS). Watch videotapes in the JIS booth on the current cultural activities in Jamaica. Mid way rides for the whole family presented by www.funland.ca

Entertainment

And what would Jamaican's do without music!! - the Jamaica Day festival presents live, non-stop, contemporary, traditional, classical and folk music on our stage. Visitors enjoy performance by various Canadian stars as well as internationally. Theatrical performances, dominoes tournament from various dominoes clubs around the cities sponsored by tippers fast food. Soccer fans enjoy soccer games by the first female soccer team to play at Jamaica Day - added to the annual male teams. Enjoy our cultural display of fire dancing, limbo dancing and folksongs as well as spoke words by various artists.