

Can Wyclef win Sting's \$3m clash?

Since it was announced that there will be a US\$30,000 or J\$3-million clash at Sting and the confirmed appearance of internationally renowned rapper Wyclef Jean, many people have been wagging their tongues as to who will win the winner-takes-all lyrical clash, which is open.

Wyclef is no stranger to Jamaica and even sound clashes. In the years between 2000 and 2006, he appeared at Fully Loaded, usually held at James Bond Beach in St Mary. He also hosted the Arthur Guinness Celebration event in 2010. The Haitian, who owns a reggae sound system called Refugee All Star Sound, was introduced to Jamaican music when he moved to New York at age nine and has since fell in love with it. He, along with popular American rapper 2 Chains and dancehall legend Super Cat, will headline this year's 30th anniversary of Sting, set to take place on December 26 at Jamworld, in Portmore, St Catherine. Sting is being organised jointly by Isaiah Laing's Supreme Promotions and Joseph Bagdonavich's Downsound Records. Lyrics-spitting The lyrical clash, which is also set to feature the evergreen Ninja Man and lyrics-spitting deejay KipRich, is the hot topic on the lips of eager patrons ever since Joseph Bagdonavich, who is now a full-time partner with founder Isaiah Laing, made the announce via 'ER' and 'E Prime' recently. If Wyclef decides to battle the Jamaican artistes for the \$3m cash prize, he will be met with serious resistance from the likes of Ninja Man, Sizzla, Aidonia, Elephant Man, Lady Saw and the other giants on the show. The occasion can't become any more tempting. In the two weeks leading up to the event, Downsound Records' Marketing Director Sean 'Contractor' Edwards will head a media campaign blitz of Wyclef's music and videos on all Jamaican radio and television stations in an attempt to up the tempo surrounding his appearance.