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Performers Announced for Reggae in the Desert Ky-Mani Marley Headlines Legendary Artists in Concert June 13

The eighth annual Reggae in the Desert concert returns with a collection of acts including Ky-Mani Marley, Gregory Isaacs, Third World, Yellowman, One Pin Short and Rastman Rob. DJ Rhamma will spin tunes throughout the day and in between sets. Steve Edwards is the host for the event. The concert is set for Saturday, June 13 at the Clark County Government Center Amphitheater, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway in downtown Las Vegas. Doors open at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$25 the day of the show. A special VIP package also is available for \$40 and includes a limited edition T-shirt and "A New Day," a music compilation on CD to benefit Habitat for Humanity Las Vegas. **Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 27.**

Ky-Mani Marley, the second youngest of Bob Marley's 11 children, carries on his father's traditional of timeless, brilliant and message-filled music in order to inspire and entertain. The singer, songwriter and guitarist first appeared as a musician in 1996 at the age of 20 when he recorded *Like Father Like Son*, an album featuring cover versions of his father's hits. In 2001, his album *Many More Roads* was nominated for a Grammy in the Best Reggae Album category. His more recent album *Radio* was released in 2007.

Gregory Isaacs has been an important member of the reggae community for three decades. Born in Jamaica in 1950, Isaacs began his career by working with numerous producers and artists. After owning his own label and shop in Jamaica, Isaacs went on the road and recorded extensively, making a name for himself in the 1970s and 1980s. In 2008, Isaacs released the studio album *Brand New Me* after nearly 40 years as a recording artist to much reggae acclaim.

Third World, which last played this event in 2007, was conceived in 1973 by teenage guitarist, cellist and singer Stephen "Cat" Coore, who left the Inner Circle Band to start his own group with a fellow musician. Just a year after the group's formation, it opened for the Jackson Five. The group debuted on vinyl in 1976 with *Satta Amasa Gana* and followed it with *96 Degrees in the Shade* in 1977. Since then, the group has welcomed new members and said goodbye to departing musicians, but the sound has remained the same. For more than 30 years, the group has traveled the world spreading peace, love and unity and has released 22 albums.

As an albino, **Yellowman** had a rocky start in life and the music industry. Yellowman was deserted by his parents, shunned at stage shows for his appearance and told he only had three years to live. That was 1983. He turned to music for comfort and became one of the most well-known dancehall artists in the world. Aside from his own music, he has partnered with rap artists such as Run DMC, NWA, Public Enemy and Doug E. Fresh. He has more than 45 recordings and has appeared on more than 88 compilation albums.

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Locals **Rastaman Rob** and **One Pin Short** also are scheduled to perform along with **DJ Rhamma**. DJ Rhamma, also know as Suppa Kirk, began emceeing alongside some of Los Angeles' best deejays more than two decades ago. Hailing from Belize, DJ Rhamma moved to the Las Vegas Valley in 1995 and has played a key role in bringing reggae vibes to the community. He has performed at numerous spots around town and is celebrating his sixth year as a Reggae in the Desert performer.

Blankets for lawn seating are permitted as well as personal bottles of water. Vendors in the Caribbean Islands Vendor Village will have Reggae-style items, exhibits, food and beverages as well as other fare. Domestic and imported beers will be available. There will be no re-entry, and there is no ATM on site.

Sponsors include Miller Lite, Miller Chill and United Nissan.

For a complete list of performance times, information and tickets, visit www.reggaeinthedesert.com or Clark County Parks and Recreation's Web site at www.accessclarkcounty.com/parks or call 455-8200.

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Clark County is a dynamic and innovative organization dedicated to providing top-quality service with integrity, respect and accountability. With jurisdiction over the world-famous Las Vegas Strip and covering an area the size of New Jersey, Clark is the nation's 15th-largest county and provides extensive regional services to more than 2 million citizens and 44 million visitors a year. Included are the nation's 7th-busiest airport, air quality compliance, social services and the state's largest public hospital, University Medical Center. The county also provides municipal services that are traditionally provided by cities to almost 900,000 residents in the unincorporated area. Those include fire protection, roads and other public works, parks and recreation, and planning and development. In 2009, Clark County celebrates a "century of service."

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