



## African Forum 4th annual Reggae All star call in

***OH what a Night! what a Wednesday night it was or as Toots would say what a "BAM BAM"!! - The African Forum 4th annual Reggae All star call in Hosted by DJ Ima Uwagbai with Queen Mushiya and Brother "You".***

***The night was more than a success! Reggae Magical it really truly was.*** We are so Thankful for all the calls from Jamaica, Canada, East Coast, West Coast, Louisiana, North Carolina, Europe and the U.S.V.I.

We just wish we would have had more time to air everyone that phoned in; as it is the show only airs for 2 hours. We truly tried to accomodate all the callers. Unfortunately the time was limited and we could only air a few. **Our Sincere Apologies.**

As it went the **African Forum** Lines were so **HOT!!** and because the conversations with the various Artists were so exciting, the calls lasted more than 2 to 3 minutes originally allowed. As it was we overlapped into the **JAZZ connection Program** time. Much thanks to the **Jazz Connection's** DJs this past Wednesday December 27. **DJ Red Ghost** and **DJ Fly Guy**, sitting in for **DJ E**, for continuing on the Reggae All Star Call in and facilitating Jamaica's Reggae Legend The Rasta who is always in Control **Mikey Dread**, also **KNON 89.3 Irie FM audience favorite - "Bad Girl" - Marcus "Yabba" Griffiths** and **Carlton Coffie** - of the **Bad Boys, Bad Boys** fame. The night was a definite treat for both the Reggae and Jazz listening audience worldwide.

**Why the overlap?** here is the scoop - **Mikey Dread** is on tour and was tied up at the airport back east and being the true supporter of **KNON 89.3 Irie FM Reggae programming** he is; Mikey called as soon as his plane landed on the West Coast, unfortunately we only had 5 minutes before the Reggae Session ended and Mikey was just coming off the plane. The telephone connection at the airport was terrible, so we had to wait until he was in an area with a better reception. (**we were not giving up - no way!**). By this time of course, the program was finished, but low and behold the Rasta DJ from the Jazz Connection show came to the Rescue - **DJ Rasta Red Ghost**, decided that we had to air **Mikey Dread** no matter what!!!! The audience was tuned in and waiting for him and along with Yabba. Having an all-star call in without Mikey Dread and Yabba was like having Spaghetti without sauce or even cake without the frosting. So the Rasta's went on!!! and it was just **magical!!!! - Mikey and Yabba's music although Roots Reggae, also crosses over into the R & B, Hip Hop, Jazz Genre's as well as Rock.** I know if we would not have had Mikey and Yabba on the air Wednesday night, my heart would have just been broken. (smile) They have never missed an opportunity to big up our Audiences and guess what guys the **KNON 89.3 Irie FM Reggae DJ crew - Ima Uwagbai, Brother You, Mike D Magician, Ras Ridi, Jah Larry, Sista Laquita, Empress Kenjah, Alex C, DJ Everton, Queen Amy and Queen Mushiya**, give to you both our Love and Respect. We do understand that you guys are touring and went through extreme efforts to be a part of this most Special night in Reggae on



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the Radio! We truly appreciate your tremendous dedication to our international audience. **Reggae Brotherhood lives! Joined by JAH's spirit.**

**Simple note: Mikey Dread** being just Mikey super Extraordinary! always spices up the air and the fans just love him up!!! Hey, for this Rasta there are no musical borders, you give him an inch and he will win the crowd, just being himself - Jamaican Reggae Legend "Dread at the Controls" - Mikey Dread. Check out Mikey Dread at [www.mikeydread.com](http://www.mikeydread.com) and see why people **"Choose a good thing, by choosing him"**. **Just like Tanya Stephens says in "Way Back" - Mikey Dread will take you Way Back. He will invite you on a Journey going back into time, taking you way back, to another place, another time, stronger lyrics, stronger vibes that will entice you to even press rewind> Mikey Dread Spicy as he is will take you way back when Reggae Music was a pleasant melody. Mikey Dread is a Guarantee to Please you.** email Mikey at: [Mikey@mikeydread.com](mailto:Mikey@mikeydread.com)

Well, the laughter came with **Yabba; "Marcus "Yabba" Griffiths and Carlton Coffie** phoned in. Yabba being no stranger to KNON's DJ's or listening audience (Ladies; hold tight there's more to Yabba than those leathers, Mitzi lead singer with a local Dallas Reggae band, was visiting the studio one Wednesday evening. We were playing Yabba's "Bad Girls" song and Mitzi refused to turn loose "Yabba's" CD cover. Mitzi said "she likes the way "the leather wears "Yabba" and that voice, to die for". With all that excitement who can end the year without hearing Yabba's (Bad Girl) or be enlightened by Yabba's inviting voice over the airwaves. Yabba being as Mikey, a true and pure Jamaican Reggae entertainer, they know their audience and connects with them on a personal level, they are no stranger to their fan base Internationally. Well on this night of course **Yabba, being on tour** got the time mixed up and called in at 12:30 a.m. CST instead of 11:30 PM cst. (Which was a good thing for us, because all the lines were tied up) (smile). Again, Rasta DJ Red Ghost - facilitated Yabba and Carlton's greetings to the audience. The laughter came with DJ Fly Guy; who listens mostly to Jazz music and did not know who Carlton Coffie was. No problem, Carlton made himself known to DJ Fly Guy by singing the theme song from the Television show Cops! **Bad Boy, Bad Boy, what you gonna do** (smile). The entire studio erupted into excitement as well as the KNON 89.3 Irie FM telephone lines. I personally can never get enough of the "Yabba" - Marcus "Yabba" Griffiths!! - Kingstonian to the core! Yabba always true to the purity of Reggae Music and he tells the story, his story on the CD "The Yabba Griffiths Story" on the Su-Cram Music Label. Yabba originally hails from Manchester Parish of Jamaica, later moved to Kingston, linked up with the Coxson Dodd Studios and the rest is history. Go to Yabba's website and check his Bio. Yabba like Mikey Dread not only being a hit in Jamaica, U.S. but also London. check him by linking up to his website: <http://yabbagriffiths.com/wsn/page3.html> . **Phone:** (847) 885-1062 **email:** [traxxonlyyabba@hotmail.com](mailto:traxxonlyyabba@hotmail.com)



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### Thanks also to:

**Carlton Coffie (Our Surprise Guest by way of "Yabba")** - East Coast - Carlton is best known by way of the Theme song "**Bad Boys**" - "**Bad Boys**" What you going to do, when they come for you made popular by the hit television show - COPS. Thanks Yabba for this most wonderful, exciting surprise guest and Thanks to you Carlton Coffie for singing to our audience live! You are truly Reggae's "Bad Boy" in a **good way!**

Thanks for bringing a springy light to KNON 89.3 Irie FM Reggae show the African Forum and the Jazz Connection on Wednesday night/Thursday morning!! **Keep the Link!**

**Carmelita Harris** - Called in From **San Francisco, Calif:** The Queen of Reggae TV - catching us up on more to come from Irie Vision Worldbeat T.V Scene - San Francisco.

**Daddy Roots - Anguilla** - has leaped over many Reggae hurdles and has toured this past year in Africa and Europe as well as winning a Reggae Award in Los Angeles as best male Reggae Artist Hey, anyone who will meet this wonder called Daddy Roots will always come back with a smile. As Daddy Roots always say " if it is in his control he will bring Sunshine to the world". By the way Daddy Roots fans, his famed record "Magar Goat" has been leaping it's on hurdles, Daddy Roots says "Magar Goat" is no longer Magar now hmmm I guess "Fattie Goat"! Congratulations Daddy Roots. My heart always leap for this Anguilean wonder, when I first met him many years ago, he so reminded me of my hero "Peter Tosh" it was uncanny. Determination Daddy Roots have, look for his new CD soon to be released.

[www.daddyroots.net](http://www.daddyroots.net)

**Henry Turner Jr and Flavor** - Phoned in from his studio in **Baton Rouge, Louisiana:** Henry Turner gave us a little flavor of his sweet tunes that is coming soon and informed us about the 2nd edition of the **Reggae on the River show, due to hit the Mississippi/Louisiana border in May**. Henry is definitely Louisiana flavor. Flavor is actually multi musical flavors, we just kid them with the flavor being chocolate. Henry, is also one of those who keeps going and going like the energizer bunny. Honestly, I think they are called Flavor because they have a unique blend of Reggae/Blues Louisiana Funk sound. You have the lead singer Henry Turner Jr. with the smooth and sexy lead vocals with a hint of southern blues and then you have RONNIE! the Drummer and Vocals with Flavor! and when you have Ronnie, you know, Ronnie reminds me of a touch of the south (well the mouth of the south), He is such a crowd pleaser, hold tight because you never know what he'll say or do. Ronnie having backed the Godfather of Soul, James Brown on stage in Louisiana in the past, Ronnie is fun and his songs are just off the wall!!! in that way, his songs, are much like Cajun songs. He's a joy to listen to. I had the opportunity to join the flavor on stage in Bethlehem Pennsylvania 2 years back (how can you resist not joining them on stage). Their music is inviting! and of course Kelli and I just added a little queenship to the Flavor, that's Henry Turner Jr and Flavor.



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For more information please feel free to contact the Flavor at:  
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### **Inner Visions Reggae Band: Hailing up the Audience from the Island of St. John in the USVI:**

Grasshopper (the night's spokesman for the Band) is definitely no stranger to the airwaves ANYWHERE! He is always so gracious to call and big up the KNON 89.3 Irie FM Dallas audience. Inner Visions being a long time supporter of KNON's Reggae Programming, need no introductions. We are always thrilled to hear from the Caribbean Reggae Masters. Having completed a successful U.S. tour, they are back in the Islands, performing and finally, putting the final touches on a soon to be released **Inner Visions Reggae Band Music Video**. From the Beauty of the Virgin Island's as the back drop for the Video, the ever present *One Love Vibes - is coming straight from the Group known internationally as the "Love One Another Crew"* Irie Vibes and One Love all the way - only from Ras Paul, Grasshopper, Ras Jupiter, Akiba (Mr. Snooze) and Aswad (Hollywood)!!!!!! Stay alert and keep on watching, because the Caribbean Reggae Masters will be coming to your tele airwaves soon!! With great fan Anticipation we can all say **"AT Last" the Inner Visions - True Vision will shine through - Via - VIDEO!! (More to come on the Visions in the next month)**. Truthfully, this is one of the hardest working Reggae Bands out there. Continue to support Inner Visions when they are in your area. Keep hitting their web and if you still don't know, just give me a call. The guys have been at it for over 25 years and are dedicated to the Roots of Reggae along with delivering some of the best live Reggae shows around . Keep on *"Riding the Musical Waves"* of the Inner Visions Band" you the people are what makes this band come alive, they are the last of the true Reggae Road Warriors. Don't take my word for it, check out their tour schedule last year, they burned Reggae Rubber on the U.S. Tour Circuit!!! It's all for you!

[www.innervisionsreggae.com](http://www.innervisionsreggae.com)

**Jah Ice - Linked up from St. Thomas Jamaica is actually from Spanish Town, Jamaica** - Jah Ice has a new release titled "ICE" on Stone hill record label. What can I say about Jah Ice - He delivers a message of love, with a little romance. He also expresses great concern for our children's future. Of course all of my brothers are special to me, but "Jah Ice" is fresh and like Mackie Conscious, is truly sticking to the Roots of things in Jamaica aching to spread the world to the foreign soils of the U.S., Europe and Africa with the release of "ICE" on the Stonehill Record label. Jah Ice is refreshing!!! and anyone who put children first is number one in my book!!! Big yourself up "JAH ICE" - Thanks for linking up the roots of Reggae straight from the "YAAD" Jamaica with the Foreign! Nuff Love. Look for JAH ICE Mini Album : \*ICE\*

Tracks: 1) \*WHERE IS THE LOVE\*2) \*CLOSE TO YOU\* 3) \*MENT TO BE\*4) \*ALL OUT\*5) \*FUTURE OF THE CHILDREN\*6) \*LIVE CLEAN\*



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**Kimbute - Africa phoned in from North Carolina:** **Kimbute** - Mary Kimbute that is; also no stranger to the KNON 89.3 Irie FM Reggae DJ crew. phoned in to lend her support and big of the audience of the African forum Reggae programming. With the release of her new CD titled - "Kimbute' November Morning" It has been written that Kimbute "Born and raised from a musical family, adds different elements to her music with a touch of her Tanzanian and Trinidad roots living in Europe and now in America - she succeeded." - I could have not said it better myself. Mary has come a long way, the new CD being Recorded, Programmed and Mastered by Jimmy Brown affiliated with MOTOWN records. Look for exciting things from Mary. check her out at [www.kimbute.com](http://www.kimbute.com)

**Mackie Conscious - Phoned in from Ochi Jamaica** - It is always sweet to hear Mackie big up the audience. Mackie was listening to us **Live from St. Ann Jamaica**. Over the past year and half, he has grown close to my heart, from the beginning he has been a great supporter of Reggae on the Radio Dallas, KNON 89.3 Irie FM. He has this soothing, smooth way of talking to people (It's genuine people, Mackie makes you want to go aaaaaaaah!). Mackie speaks to the people with an sincere understanding, allowing them to know that to him they are not just a massive group of listeners, but each and everyone of them in the audience has his personal attention. He believes that the fans are very important part of who he is as a performer. So when he is speaking to them he has that special way of personalizing his presence. Apparently the audience can feel his Conscious Vibes as he phones are never quiet when he phones in. Whether it's through his music played on the Radio or his music received through his videos. Mackie is a Jamaican Dynamo! Itching to hit the shores of America. He brings a fresh, off the Island Reggae Vibes; again from the source of Reggae Music - **Sweet, Sweet Jamaica**. An Entertainer, a producer an all around good guy; Mackie Conscious always delivers the Sweetest, Rooter Conscious Reggae vibes to our audiences, **keep tuning into Mackie Conscious's videos worldwide**. Check him out at Tony Rebel's - Rebel Salute in January 2007. **Keep those tele's tuned in to "Vibes T.V."**, "Tempo T.V"., and **"IrieVision Worldbeat T.V"**. - **San Francisco** - Hosted by Carmelita Harris or you can just go to: [www.mackieconscious.com](http://www.mackieconscious.com) and check out Reggae's humble son - **Mackie Conscious!**

**Errol Blackwood** - phoned in from **Canada** - he just recently returned from **Austria** - working on the Soundtrack for the soon to be released Movie titled **"Paradise Island"**. Errol is the proud son of the **Maroon Town Community in Western Jamaica**; now based in Canada. He carries the pride of the Maroon's of Jamaica, wherever he goes and has a whole heap of musical food on his plate. Errol not being a greedy Rastaman is ready and willing to share with you all a generous helping of Jamaican Roots Reggae. This Rastaman offers a wide range of



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talent. Singer, Producer, Writer and now Actor. Errol Blackwood is truly "Maroon Town" Jamaica's pride! Dedicated to forwarding the message of true love and Harmony, Errol is poised and ready to hit the Reggae Tour circuit in the U.S. and will be performing in Austin, Texas in April. Look for a new release from Errol Blackwood soon - the CD is simply titled "**Family Tree**". If you think you've heard of Errol Blackwood before now is because; his song titled "Wherever the wind blows, it blows right back at you" was the title song for the Movie - "Sweating Bullets". You can also catch him on many of the commercials in Canada as he lends his voice. Hey when you have a voice that is as smooth as silk, you can't keep it locked down. Just so you will all know, right now the most requested Errol Blackwood song is "Freedom Fighters". I'm just meeting Errol a couple months back via, the ever present Linton Cooper (smile). Actually, I met him many years back at a Bob Marley Festival, but unfortunate for me, I did not remember until I was reminded, whilst speaking to him, he is so humble, it is always a pleasure to speak with him. He like Mackie Conscious's music is uplifting and peaceful a joy to listen to. It's no wonder the audience love up "Freedom Fighters"! Errol Blackwood - "The Dream Goes on" check him out: [www.indiejunglebuild.com](http://www.indiejunglebuild.com)  
email: [suprarecord@yahoo.com](mailto:suprarecord@yahoo.com) phone: 954-540-2313

**EZZY Judah - Caribbean Pulse** - It was so hectic by the time EZZY phoned in, I can't remember if he was calling from his Island or Los Angeles, **sorry EZZY**. As a tradition Caribbean Pulse normally kick off the all star Reggae Call in, however this year they so graciously allowed the honors to Henry Turner Jr and Flavor. EZZY, Billy, LaNiece and Jason of Caribbean Pulse are also, longtime supporters of KNON Reggae Programming here in Dallas. What can I say, when I travel I proudly wear my "**Caribbean Pulse**" T-shirt proudly! - Long before the Caribbean Pulse was known in the U.S. they were popular in Jamaica. Carving out for themselves a nice slice of Jamaican Reggae Roots Pie. Caribbean Pulse's sound is a Spiritual Conscious Reggae Sound with Ezzy gracefully at the lead vocals. Ezzy flavors Caribbean Pulse's sound with that of the Roots of his Rastafarian faith, that being of course Rasta Conscious Reggae. Over the year's Caribbean Pulse has collaborated with the who's who in Jamaican Reggae circles such as; Tony Rebel, Carlton "Santa" Davis and Damian "Jr. Gong" Marley. LaNiece McKay adds an Angelic flavor to Ezzy's unique voice.

From the words of Ezzy Judah when describing the band's spiritual roots song " Jah is my Rock," EZZY says " It's an affirmation song, I don't care which god you serve or from what window you see him, or which door. We are all puppets of the most high. So wherever he wants you he will put you there." If you have gathered that this is a deep Rasta you have gathered correctly. Over the years, I've mostly dealt with Billy and we've formed a lasting friendship that will last through eternity, so not only is Jah also my Rock! Caribbean Pulse keeps me leveled, If you are looking for Heart Pulsing Reggae, you will find this with Caribbean Pulse!!  
check them out: [http://www.irirecords.com/irie\\_content.html](http://www.irirecords.com/irie_content.html) or  
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**The Scientist** - Los Angeles, California - Taking time out of the Studio to hail up





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our listeners. What can I say about the Scientist that has not been said. **"Musical Genius"!!!!** When it comes to Reggae Engineering who would you call **'THE SCIENTIST'** a legend in his own time. You would think "the Scientist" was a man of many years, but he's not! Hopeton " The Scientist" Brown grew up in Kingston Jamaica, holding down at one of the most famous Studios in Jamaica as a young boy. With the likes of Bob Marley, Peter Tosh, Bunny Wailer, Sugar Minott, Mikey Dread, URoY, John Holt and the list goes on. The Scientist had the unique opportunity to tap in and tune in, to some of the Greats of Reggae, producers, artists and engineers. Soaking up the Real Reggae Vibes at birth. He's another one of Jamaica's Reggae Legends, that can take you "Way Back", Way Back to how it use to be. When the sound was tight, the music was ripe and the vibes were all **IRIE!** - As the years passed by the Scientist not only engineered for Reggae Artists but also, Rock and Roll, Rap and R & B - you can't keep a Genie in a Bottle, he has to be released!

To all te listeners and Artists who phoned in, **Give Thanks for your support!** From the entire Reggae Format at KNON 89.3 Irie FM Dallas

**Special Big Ups goes out to DJ Ras Charles - New York!!**

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