

Shaggy the richest reggae artiste

The United States based website Urban Islandz has released the names of the artistes they say are reggae and dancehall's richest people.

The list has a few interesting facts and insight into the artistes' success.

Topping the list of richest reggae artistes is Shaggy.

According to Urban Islandz, Shaggy's 2001 album 'Hot Shot' sold more than 20 million copies worldwide making him one of music's top selling artistes.

His net worth is a whopping US\$22 million.

Veteran singer Jimmy Cliff is in second place with a net worth of US\$18 million.

Though the data collected was limited, 'The Harder They Come' star is said to be the second most iconic person in reggae music.

This year he was inducted in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

In third place is dancehall artiste Sean Paul with a net worth estimated at US\$11 million after his 'Dutty Rock' album sold more than six million copies.

Fourth goes to Ziggy Marley, who is estimated to be worth US\$10 million.

Ziggy's Grammy award winning album 'Love Is My Religion' sold millions of copies worldwide.

Junior Gong, Buju, Beenie & Bounty make the list

In fifth place is Sean Kingston whose net worth is US\$7 million.

His popularity and riches started with his 2007 hit 'Beautiful Girls'.

The sixth richest reggae artiste is Damion "Junior Gong" Marley with a net worth of US\$6 million while in seventh place is reggae crooner Maxi Priest, whose net worth is estimated at US\$4.6 million.

Priest has been recording since the mid eighties.

The embattled Buju Banton is in eighth place with a net worth of US\$4 million.

At one point he was even known as the richest reggae artiste alive but lost ground after his run in with the gay community.

King of the dancehall Beenie Man is the ninth richest reggae/dancehall artiste with a net worth of US\$3.7 million and rounding off the top ten is veteran deejay Bounty Killa who boasts a net worth of US\$3 million after years of work in the music industry.

Bob Marley richest dead reggae artiste

However, despite their riches, the now deceased king of reggae Bob Marley is named as the all time richest reggae musician of all times.

Though deceased, he is still richer than all the artistes on the list combined.

Bob Marley is also down in history as one of the richest dead celebrities.