

NY radio bans Kartel music

New York clubdj and Irie Jam radio host/programme director, Dubb Master Chris, is standing by his decision not to play any songs by dancehall artiste Vybz Kartel during Black History Month.

The radio discjock had announced last week that he will not play any music from the artiste who has raised eyebrows for bleaching his skin.

Black History Month is a big deal and we as a people should take every opportunity to celebrate our heritage. I feel if I continue to play Vybz Kartel, an artiste who is now very much known for bleaching his skin, it simply sends the wrong message to my young impressionable listeners” Chris said in an exclusive interview with the Star.

“Please understand that I have a lot of love and respect for Kartel’s music. I respect his enormous talent and his individuality. He is one of the great lyricists of our time, however, at times I am disappointed in the direction he decides to take his audience even though that is his prerogative” he noted.

Chris, who reiterated that he has been playing Vybz Kartel music on his radio show since the artiste first broke on the scene in the late 90s with Gal Clown, said he is against bleaching.

“I strongly believe bleaching is wrong, wrong, wrong! It’s a disgrace. It’s a slap in the face of our heritage, our ancestors and our God. This definitely sends the wrong message to children, I think it leads them to believe that somehow, if they are dark complexion something is wrong with that. It erodes the concept that black is beautiful,” he said.