

N. Y. to Bestow Honor on 5 Time Olympian Donald Quarrie

The New York Diaspora is abuzz with anticipation as it gets ready to welcome and honor five times Olympian Donald O. Quarrie, C.D. New York based not-for profit, Team Jamaica Bickle (TJB), will honor Quarrie for his stellar career in track and field, which spanned three decades and a highly active and impactful post-athletic career in the field which made him famous.

The Reception will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 from 6p.m. thru 12 midnight at the Sullivan Room, 214 Sullivan Street, New York. The event will be hosted by leading New York Radio personality, Dahved Levy of 107.5 FM WBSL; and will have in attendance stakeholders of the sport fraternity, Diaspora politicians and leaders as well as other specially invited guests.

Quarrie's phenomenal career began at the age of 17, and is one marked by major milestones and magnificent accomplishments. In his first Olympic appearance in 1968 (Mexico City) Quarrie had to withdraw due to injury. This temporary setback did not deter him from persevering and pushing forward. He went on to stamp his name amongst the greatest athletes in the annals of track and field history. He was prolific on the track, winning numerous gold medals and silver medals at the Olympic Games thru 1984. In between that he made his mark, replicating stunning performances at premier track meets among them the Commonwealth Games; the Pan Am Games and several other meets across the U.S. At the 1971 Pan American Games: (California) he earned gold medals in both the, 100m and 200m, running the second fastest time ever at 19.86, a (Jamaica) national record which lasted for 36 years. In the 1975 U.S. Track and Field Championships he culled gold in the 100m becoming the first non-American to win that title.

He is the only male sprinter to ever win three back to back championship titles at the Commonwealth Games, Quarrie's, post athletic career has been equally prolific. He has coached several athletes to Olympic medals.

He has served many Athletic bodies and private sport organizations worldwide, among them Nike, Fila, the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF); and the Jamaica Amateur Athletic Association, (JAAA). He is a Certified Athletes Representative of USA Track & Field (USATF).

Donald served as the Technical Leader for the Jamaican National Team at the IAAF World Championships and at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. In 2008, he was inducted into the California Sports Hall of Fame in honor of his achievements in track and field.