

Reggae Sumfest to honour Beres Hammond

Internationally acclaimed singer Beres Hammond will be honoured by Summerfest Productions, organisers of Reggae Sumfest during this year's staging of the annual music festival in Montego Bay.

"Beres is an icon and a cornerstone of the Jamaican music industry," Summerfest's executive director Johnny Gourzong was quoted in a news release from the festival's publicist, Headline Entertainment. HAMMOND… says he will be delivering one of the best sets locally at Reggae Sumfest "We at Reggae Sumfest are very pleased to be presenting this great reggae artiste and felt that he deserves to be recognised for his enormous contribution to the growth and development of our music. A Reggae Sumfest without Beres never truly feels complete," Gourzong added. Hammond, who is easily one of Jamaica's most prolific singers ever and who has a massive fan base, will be making his return to the festival after a three-year hiatus. Known for his soulful voice and eclectic lovers' rock ballads, Hammond's discography consists of at least 18 albums and six compilations. He is expected to wow the Sumfest audience with his timeless hits, among them Step Aside, Can't Stop A Man From Trying, Standing In My Way, and She Loves Me Now, to name a few. "Beres loves to perform at Sumfest because of the exceptional reception he gets. It's been a while since he has graced the stage at Catherine Hall, and he has made it clear that he will be delivering one of the best sets locally, come July," said Hammond's manager Mervis Walsh. Reggae Sumfest, set for July 17-23 at Catherine Hall in Montego Bay, promises to be an explosive affair featuring top acts such as international sensations R Kelly and Nicki Minaj, as well as Jamaican stars CeCile, Tifa, Kip Rich, Protoje, Jah Cure, Half Pint, and Konshens.