

World tour for 'Best of Reggae Film Festival'

The Jamaica Reggae Film Festival (RFF) will begin its 2012 World Tour with 'The Best of the Reggae Film Festival'.

The 12-day event will commence on May 18 at the Drum Festival in Birmingham, UK. This event will screen seven films including RFF 2011 UNESCO Honour Award winner Bob Marley: Making of a Legend, the documentary by Jamaican award-winning actress Esther Anderson, who will attend in person to introduce her film. The event will present the UK premiere of, Red Amber Green by director Christopher Byfield, winner of the Cine Jamaica Best Short Film Award at the April 2012 festival. Other films scheduled are the 2011 Best Feature Film Rocksteady - The Movie co-starring David Hinds of Steel Pulse, the 2011 Best Documentary Fire In Babylon about the victorious West Indies cricket team and We The Ragamuffin, a classic rare gem by Jamaican-born British film-maker Julian Henriques - winner of Best Soundtrack 2012. Special 'bad friday' screening The Festival will close with a special screening of Bad Friday, the documentary about the notorious Coral Gardens incident of 1963 when hundreds of Rastafarians were rounded up, jailed and brutalized. The RFF is one of the events that will deliver a Jamaican cultural experience at Festival Jamaica 2012 to coincide with the London Olympics. The event will last over 17 days from 27th July - 12th August in the heart of Stratford.

The Festival Jamaica 2012 experience will be a fun and celebratory event, educating and entertaining visitors with the experience of Jamaican culture, film, music and food, while also celebrating and showcasing Jamaica's many achievements. The UK's leading reggae festival takes place August 10-12 at Paddock Wood, Kent where thousands of visitors will enjoy leading Jamaican and European reggae artistes. The Reggae film festival will occupy a movie tent where Peter Gittins, director of the Jamaica Film Academy and host of Reggae Films UK will show films around the clock.