

Shabba Ranks back on Reggae Sumfest stage

After nearly two decades away from the Reggae Sumfest stage, legendary Dancehall superstar, Shabba Ranks will return to the event in this, its 20th edition.

Shabba Ranks will join the likes of Beenie Man, Damian Marley, Konshens, Popcaan, Tifa, I-Octane and several other local artistes who will represent the island at the 20th edition of Reggae Sumfest, set to take place from July 15-21 at Catherine Hall in Montego Bay. This marks the first appearance by Shabba Ranks since the event's second staging in 1994. Shabba Ranks will be headlining on International Night 1 along with internationally acclaimed R&B singer, Trey Songz, who was confirmed for Reggae Sumfest earlier this week. Shabba Ranks remains a wholly respected figure in the music industry; renowned for several classics including Trailer Load, Twice My Age, Mr. Loverman, Bedroom Bully, Wicked Inna Bed and Ting a Ling. The highly regarded deejay won two Best Reggae Album Grammy Awards for As Raw As Ever in 1992 and X-Tra Naked the following year; making him one of six Jamaican artistes to earn such a distinction. After disappearing from the mainstream scene in recent years, Shabba Ranks returned to prominence last year with the Stephen 'Di Genius' McGregor produced None A Dem on the Peppa Riddim. He also recorded a sultry collaborative effort with popular Dancehall diva, Danielle aka D.I. entitled Big Man.

Additionally, Shabba Ranks performed at last year's edition of Best of the Best in Miami, Florida and currently owns his own label dubbed Emperor Ranks Entertainment.

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