

Celebrate! 50, 90 and Gold at Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival

The organizers of the annual Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival are gearing up for another fun-filled, family festival of flavorful foods, authentic culture and phenomenal entertainment on Sunday, November 11 at Markham Park in Sunrise.

This year will mark the event's 11th anniversary under the theme Celebrate!, as the festival will highlight Jamaica's and Trinidad & Tobago's 50th anniversary of independence, Grace Foods' 90 years of excellent products and the recent highly successful London Olympics! With this much to celebrate, what better way to do it than with family and friends and some good jerk.

Markham Park will become the center of Caribbean culture -- delivering on everything from delectable jerk foods and cultural presentations to high-energy entertainment and activities for the kids. The event promises to be a true celebration of accomplishments. At the recent media launch at the Publix Aprons Cooking School in Plantation, organizers unveiled plans for this year's event that will have old favorites, new features and improvements to the facilities and amenities to enhance patrons' experience. According to Sydney Roberts, Vice Chairman of Jamaican Jerk Festival USA, Inc., organizers of the event, "We are working to ensure that patrons have the best possible experience at this year's festival. From improved lighting in the parking lot, more seating for patrons to sit and enjoy their food to new features such as the Party Pavilion and a Travel Village, this year's festival experience will be out of this world." Of course, the famous Publix Jerk Cook-off and Celebrity Quick Fire Competition will again be highlights of the event as well as favorites such as the Grace Village featuring chef Mazie Miller with creative cooking demonstrations and sampling. The Western Union and Digicel Cultural Stages will provide entertainment during the early hours of the festival before the Main Stage concert in the evening. So mark your calendar, tell your friends and bring your family to the 11th annual Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival. Advance tickets can be purchased online at www.jerkfestival.com. The Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival, the largest Caribbean Food Festival in the United States attracts well over 18,000 patrons annually and has become a premier event for South Floridians. The 11th Annual Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival is presented in association with Publix and Digicel, sponsors include Western Union, The Jamaica Tourist Board, WAVS Radio, Hot 105, Red Stripe Beer, Guinness and VitaMalt. The event is produced by Jamaican Jerk Festival USA, Inc., in association with Jamaica Awareness, Inc.