

## Lady Saw to be honoured for Caribbean Hall of Fame 2012

The ever-reigning Queen of the Dancehall is no stranger to awards; she was recently selected in the music category as an inductee for the Caribbean Hall of Fame 2012 by the selection Committee of the Caribbean Development for the Arts, Sports and Culture Foundation in association with the Caribbean Community.

"The foundation's aim is to recognise individuals who have contributed significantly to the development of arts, sports and culture in the Caribbean and to encourage the natural genius of our people to reach the highest level," says Executive Director Garnett Reid. "I am extremely honoured to have been selected for this prestigious award. I want to thank the Caribbean Community for recognising my work, thus selecting me for this award," says Lady Saw. Lady Saw ventured in the music industry at a tender age of 15 performing on sound systems in her community in St Mary, then moved into Kingston performing with Stereo One System. In 1999, she had a major hit in the United States with Smile recorded with Vitamin C, which peaked at number 18 on the Billboard Top 100 chart. It was also a major hit in New Zealand and Canada, and certified selling gold with over 500,000 sales. In 2002, her collaboration with No Doubt, Underneath it all, peaked at number three in the US and sold more than three million copies, reaching triple-platinum certification. The track won a Grammy for 'Best Performance by a Duo or Group'. She has also collaborated with other international artistes such as Missy Elliot, Foxy Brown, Shabba Ranks and UB-40. Lady Saw is the first female deejay to win a Grammy Award and to be certified as a triple-platinum artiste. She is also the first woman to headline dancehall shows outside Jamaica. She launched her own record label, Divas Records, in January 2010 and recently she produced a sassy hit track Heels On to be added to her upcoming album.