

## Dennis Brown tribute concert to be held March 17

The much anticipated tribute concert honoring late Reggae legend, Dennis Brown will finally get underway on Sunday after weeks of postponements due to sponsorship and security issues.

On March 17, a big crowd is expected for the tribute concert, which will take place along the Kingston Waterfront/Ocean Blvd. In downtown Kingston. It is the fifth edition of the event, initially started by the Dennis Emmanuel Brown Trust, the Jamaica Reggae Industry Association (JaRIA), Leggo Records and Sounds & Pressure in 2009 on Orange St., where the 'Crown Prince of Reggae' was born in 1957. The tribute concert was initially set to commence in February to kick off Reggae Month, a celebratory month dedicated to many of Jamaica's iconic Reggae musicians. The concert was pushed back days before the original Feb. 3 date, citing last minute sponsorship issues. It was then moved to Feb. 17. However, the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF), refused to give the go-ahead amidst security concerns. Sunday's concert, which will kick off at 5 p.m., will feature over 30 acts including Freddie McGregor, Tarrus Riley, Beres Hammond, Richie Stephens, Errol Dunkley, Iba Mahr and many more. A surprise guest artist will also headline the show. Last year's concert had approximately 10,000 patrons and organizers say the event is not only to promote Brown's legacy, but downtown Kingston as a possible attraction for tourists worldwide. Sponsors of the show include ZIP 103, RJR Communications Group, The Jamaica Tourist Board, Jamaica Music Society, IRIE FM and many more. Brown is revered for producing classics such as Revolution, Money In My Pocket, Should I and Here I Come. He died in July 1999 at the tender age of 42 after battling pneumonia.