

# 10th Annual Montreal International Reggae Festival!

For ten years The Montreal International Reggae Festival (MIRF) has been the biggest consistent offering of reggae culture in Canada; and in full celebratory mode MIRF has enhanced its programming to include workshops that will run on August 14, 15 and 16.

The traditional three days of music ensue on August 16, 17 and 18 at the Old Port of Montreal. In rounding out the complete roster of headlining artists for this 10th anniversary, Friday night will also feature: Chris Combette, Inword and Downtown Crew. Originally from French Guyana, Chris Combette is famous for his rhythmic Antillien-African style. The multiple award winner boasts 2 French Guyanese Lindor awards and his most notable albums are, Dance Flora and Children of Goree. These artists will join Morgan Heritage, who was previously announced. Labeled 'King of the Dancehall', Beenie Man augments the Saturday night line-up with his MIRF debut performance. Largely responsible for the international ascension of the dancehall genre, Beenie Man has been winner of 8 consecutive awards. His Grammy nominated album, Many Moods of Moses includes the globally applauded single, Who Am I. Currently one of Jamaica's most celebrated female dancehall artists, Tifa is also slated to heat up the dancehall stage. The captivating performer has an impressive repertoire of chart topping hits including the street anthem Spell It Out. Hawkeye and Canadian based Ras Out and Dahlia will also join the previously publicized Dancehall Night headliners: Kes (The Band), Mr. Vegas and Shaggy. Alain will be a part of the stellar roster for MIRF's closing night. The classically trained singer/songwriter made her mark in the reggae music industry with numerous hits including the single Love Sound, a collaboration with Beres Hammond that was featured on Sly and Robbie's Grammy nominated Rhythm Doubles album. Montreal's highly acclaimed, Jah Cutta, along with Visionary, Prestige and Bryan Art will also grace Sunday's stage with the previously released artists: Coco Tea; Freddie McGregor and Yellowman. Montreal's Pharaoh Freeman and Hidden Colors will facilitate a workshop, focusing on the theme "Empowering Our People" The value of a powerful self-image. They join the earlier revealed musicologist, Roger Steffens and filmmaker, Hélène Lee who will engage participants in interactive presentations on "The Reggae World: Spreading Out" and the movie "Le Premier Rasta", respectively. Tickets are now on sale at: Ticketpro.ca Tel: 514-790-1111 or 1-866-908-9090 Friday, August 16 Tickets: \$10 Available only at the door Gates open at 4:00pm Showtime: 5:00pm to 11:00pm Friday August 16 - Sound Clash & at EB Club Lounge Tickets: \$20 in advance & more at the door Doors Open at 10:00pm and sound clash starts at 12:00am Saturday, August 17 Tickets \$45 in advance; 60\$ at the door Gates Open at 2:00pm; Showtime: 3:00pm to 11:00pm Saturday August 17 & Official After Party (Venue tbc) Tickets \$10 all night with weekend pass bracelet; \$20 in advance and more at the door. Sunday, August 18 Tickets: \$45 in advance; 60\$ at the door Gates Open at 2:00pm; Showtime 3:00pm to 11:00pm Weekend Pass Tickets: \$90 in advance; \$110 at the door The Weekend Pass includes all three days at the Old Port of Montreal and a discount at MIRF After Party. Student Weekend pass Tickets: \$70 in advance & only with a valid student I.D. & Limited quantity available only at EB club Lounge. VIP Pass Tickets \$250 Available only in advance. VIP Passes include: All MIRF events that weekend; Sound Clash on Friday night; 3days at the Quays of the Old Port of Montreal; The After-Party on Saturday; A MIRF Souvenir and complimentary rum punch all day at the Old Port of Montreal. For Information: [www.montrealreggaefest.com](http://www.montrealreggaefest.com); MIRF Tel: 514-482-7921