

## Machel to headline at Appleton Special Dream J'ouvert

No stranger to Jamaica, six-time reigning Soca Monarch, Machel Montano, promises a strong set for the thousands of local and international revellers who come out for the paint-party soca fest, Appleton Special Dream J'ouvert on Sunday, August 9.

One of the most anticipated events of Appleton Special Dream Weekend, Wonderland in Negril, will come alive in a kaleidoscope of vivid colours and unadulterated soca fever as the 'Soca King' is sure to 'wuk' patrons with performances from his arsenal of 2015 hits, including Remedy, Endless Wuk, Like Ah Boss and One Wine. Angela Hunte will join Machel in a high-energy performance of Party Done. Other acts slated for the paint-throwing fête include local soca disc jocks Kamal Bankay, DJ Smoke and Crazy Neil. The trio will keep energy levels high with a slew of favourites from carnival seasons past as they gear up for the night's headliner. Tamika West, J. Wray & Nephew limited's marketing manager for dark spirits, is certain that Appleton Special Dream J'ouvert will end the entertainment festival on a high, as the event supports the continuity of carnival outside of the season. "Carnival is now a big part of Jamaican culture and has become more prominent in recent years. This is evident as each year carnival is fêted not only by locals, but by a large number of international patrons as well. Appleton Special is proud to present Dream J'ouvert, which keeps our carnival culture alive even outside of the season. With the biggest name in soca music as our headliner, we have no doubt that Machel Montano will close Appleton Special Dream Weekend on a euphoric note. It will be a night to remember and will undoubtedly have our supporters dreaming of next year's Special staging," she said. "Machel Montano is at the forefront of soca music within the Caribbean and has been steadily gaining a lot of international attention. He is expected to attract a substantial international crowd and patrons can look forward to a great night as Machel performs live from his huge catalogue of soca hits," added Dream Entertainment's Director Ron Burke. Persons over 18 years old can gain entry to Appleton Special Dream J'Ouvert at a cost of \$4,000 at the gate or free with the Dream Weekend season band. For patrons who wish to enjoy the revelry without the paint, the VIP area will be a paint-free zone. Events leading up to Appleton Special Dream J'ouvert include Skyy Vodka Insomnia Beach, Magnum Dream Live, Appleton Special Celebrity Playground, Skyy Vodka Twisted Spiritz Glow, Appleton Special Day Dreams White Sands, Wray & Nephew White Overproof Rum Yush, Appleton Special's Xtreme Wet and Wild, World Vibes, Appleton Special's Igloo and Dream J'ouvert. Season bands are still on sale for \$26,500.