



Jamaica Display Updates to Highlight Reggae Music Production

Curator fieldwork results in new institutional relationship

In May, Daniel Piper, PhD, MIM's curator for Latin America and the Caribbean, traveled to Jamaica to begin working with Jamaican institutions, musicians, and producers in anticipation of bringing new popular music content to MIM's Jamaica display.

During his trip, Piper met with Herbie Miller, director of the Jamaica Music Museum (JaMM), and the Honorable Olivia Grange, Jamaica's Minister of Culture, which opened the door to opportunities for cultural exchange. In the coming months, MIM and JaMM, a division of the Institute of Jamaica (the country's main cultural, artistic, and scientific organization), will discuss loans from JaMM to display at MIM and potential new acquisitions.


While in Kingston, Piper visited Jamaica's historic recording studios, including Studio One, Randy's Studio 17, and the original site of Tuff Gong Studio in Bob Marley's house. Also, meeting with Jamaican sound-system engineers and researching live DJ performance contexts, Piper was able to generate substantial momentum for new Jamaican content.

MIM's updated Jamaica display will include an area dedicated to the innovative era of Jamaican popular music in the 1960s–1980s, during which the successes of ska, reggae, dub, and dancehall helped inspire global interest in Jamaican music and served as a foundation for new genres (including hip-hop) and the contemporary era of DJ-based music.

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Volunteer Opportunities Available to Students Over Summer

Join MIM's passionate volunteer team

As summer vacation begins, MIM is encouraging full-time students aged sixteen and older to join the ranks of our volunteer team. The [Student Volunteer Program](#) at MIM aims to enable young people to build leadership skills and gain experience while working with museum staff and volunteer team members. Volunteering at MIM is a great opportunity to learn more about the inner workings of a museum, explore possible careers in the museum field, and share a passion for music with others.

Student volunteers are required to complete two shifts per week, with a minimum of one month's commitment during their summer break. Student volunteers will have the opportunity to help in the [Experience Gallery](#), at Guest Service, and during Signature Events, such as Musical Icons: Johnny Cash and June Carter and Experience France.

"I really enjoy socializing with the public, making

Musical Icons: Johnny Cash and June Carter

MIM celebrates the lives and legacies of this iconic musical couple

In honor of June Carter's birthday, visit MIM to listen to Curator Talks, test your knowledge of Cash/Carter trivia, view special screenings of *The Johnny Cash Show*, and more on [Saturday, June 24](#), and [Sunday, June 25](#).

Try out the favorite instruments of Johnny Cash and June Carter during a hands-on Instrument Spotlight activity with guitars and autoharps. Catch an episode or two of *The Johnny Cash Show*, a musical variety show Cash hosted in the summers of 1969 and 1970. Although the show lasted for only two seasons, it welcomed special musical guests each week—some of whom are featured in MIM's Artist Gallery.

Join us for some exciting rounds of team trivia with our Johnny Cash and June Carter MIMQuiz. Come with a team or make new friends as we test your knowledge!

Stop by the [Museum Store](#) and shop from a collection of gifts commemorating Cash and

new friends, and helping out wherever I can. Volunteering at MIM was the perfect opportunity for me to do this and express my love for music at the same time," says Bergen Harmes, a former student volunteer team member.



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Carter, including Cash T-shirts; CDs by Cash, Carter, and the Carter Family; books; and the popular "Crawl the Line" baby onesie.

Enjoy [Café Allegro's](#) folk-country menu featuring amusingly named dishes such as "It Ain't Me Babe" summer soup, "Man in Black" fried chicken with Rockabilly Blues Guitar sauce, and tasty Tennessee bourbon pecan pie.

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Noteworthy

New Concerts Just Announced

The following concerts will go on sale this week: **Ann Hampton Callaway: "The Ella Century"** on Wednesday, July 19; **Sidestepper** on Sunday, July 23; **Peter Asher and Albert Lee** on Thursday, July 27; **Mariano Gonzalez: Music of the Andes** on Saturday, August 5; **The Fixx** on Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27; and **Shawn Colvin: A Few Small Repairs 20th Anniversary Tour with Special Guests Larry Campbell and Teresa Williams** on Friday and Saturday, October 13 and 14. Tickets will go on sale to [members](#) who give \$250+ annually on Tuesday, June 20 at noon. Tickets will go on sale to the public on Thursday, June 22 at 10:00 a.m. Members who give \$500+ annually receive 10% off concert tickets.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[Django Festival All-Stars](#)

Wednesday, June 21
7:00 p.m.

\$38.50–\$43.50

Performing electrifyingly hot gypsy jazz in tribute to the great pioneering guitarist Django Reinhardt



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[Big Sam's Funky Nation](#)

Thursday, June 22
7:30 p.m.

\$33.50–\$40.50

High-energy music that mixes funk, rock and roll, hip-hop, and jazz into the same pot, gluing everything together with the brassy influence—and heavy grooves—of New Orleans.



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[Roberta Gambarini](#)

Sunday, June 25
7:00 p.m.

\$43.50–\$48.50

Continuing the tradition of great jazz singers, Roberta Gambarini follows the trajectory of such musical icons as Ella Fitzgerald, Carmen McRae, and Sarah Vaughan.



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