

## **New York Premiere of BOB MARLEY: The Making of a Legend - - A Huge Success!**

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The Benefit commenced with a stellar VIP RECEPTION with Open Bar featuring splendid Hennessy Cocktails and Terrazas Wines sponsored by Moët Hennessy USA; delicious Caribbean Cuisine catered by Negril Village Restaurant and a Silent Auction including rare, limited edition photographs of Bob Marley; Boxing Glove signed by Legendary Muhammad Ali and “Thriller Album” autographed by The King of Pop, Michael Jackson. As usual, the Hennessy service was impeccable.

The event Guest Speaker, Mrs. Lorna Golding presented a compelling speech on the critical importance of educating all children throughout Jamaica and the Caribbean region. In line with the Benefit theme of "Achieving Meaningful Independence by Educating our Youth," Mrs. Golding not only discussed how an educated populace will enhance each country and region, but how vital it is in our interdependent global world.

The feature presentation, BOB MARLEY: The Making of a Legend film lived up to its highly anticipated billing and fanfare! The film showed priceless footage of Bob Marley, The King of Reggae, “lost for more than 30 years” during his early years, before he became famous. According to guests, “It was a total pleasure to see a rare and priceless glimpse of Bob the man, before the Legend and iconic status.” An attendee remarked, “To see Bob Marley in a real-life fashion in those so very early days, just being Bob, is more than WORDS can convey. I am too grateful to have been at the screening. Big Thanks to Esther Anderson and Gian Godoy for creating such a compelling documentary and kudos to Nikiki Bogle and the CEF for promoting it.” Indeed, for a brief moment, the audience was transported to a time when Bob Marley was traveling throughout Jamaica with Esther Anderson and writing lyrics for what would become platinum songs. Refreshingly, viewers received previously unknown insights into the inspirations behind the “Burnin’ Album” and Blockbuster songs, such as: “I Shot the Sheriff” and “Get Up, Stand Up.” One can understand why this film has been nominated for a UNESCO Award!

Filmmakers, Esther Anderson and Gian Godoy flew in from London to attend the Benefit and provide overview of the film as well as question and answers to attendees. Esther Anderson was also co-founder of Island Records with Chris Blackwell, managing Bob Marley & the Wailers during the 1970s, propelling the group to stardom.

During the VIP Reception, Special Guest, the Honorable Eric A. Stevenson from New York State Assembly, 79th District remarked about the importance of education. In addition, Assemblyman Stevenson

presented a New York State Assembly Citation to Nikiki T. Bogle, Esq., the Founder and President of the Caribbean Education Foundation. In discussing the Honor, Ms. Bogle stated, "Many of us who do human rights work do not expect recognition or thank you. Personally, I do it because it is the right thing to do. I feel deeply that I must do something to help, however small, to make the world more just, particularly for innocent children who are our future. Therefore, for Assemblyman Stevenson and to present me with this Citation from the New York State Assembly, it is a wonderful surprise and a tremendous honor! I am humbled and grateful that CEF's efforts to help provide meaningful access to education for poor children are being recognized."

The Caribbean Education Foundation, Inc. (CEF) is a registered (501)(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization based in United States. It operates with a dedicated team comprised entirely of volunteers. While the organization works with all levels of education, its focus is to enable high school students in financial need to have meaningful access to quality education in its current mission country of Jamaica. CEF awards "Paul Bogle Scholarships" to brilliant, poor children so they are able to attend public high schools. The Paul Bogle Scholarships pay school fees, purchase text books, school supplies, uniforms, meals and transportation.

Funds are very limited for CEF Scholarships, and the Foundation continues to urge individuals, groups, companies and organizations to visit its website, donate, sponsor and Adopt a CEF Student. In 2008 and 2010, CEF awarded a total of \$945,000 JA in student scholarships.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the BOB MARLEY: The Making of a Legend Film Screening and VIP Reception is funding the 2011 Paul Bogle Scholarships for students in Jamaica entering high schools in Grade 7 and renewing awards for 2010 recipients who entering Grade 8 in September 2011-2012 school year. The CEF 2011 Paul Bogle Scholarship Award recipients will be announced this month.

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