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Damian 'Jr Gong' Marley joins headliners for Sweet Sixteen Edition of the Dominica World Creole Music Festival (WCMF)

September 13, 2012: Roseau, Dominica:--- Multiple Grammy Award winner, Damian 'Jr Gong' Marley will unleash his brand of roots reggae music on the stage of the **16th World Creole Music Festival** as patrons of the Festival will get the rare opportunity to experience the magic of one of the Marley boys. The young Marley, son of the legendary Bob Marley will appear on the final night of the Festival on Sunday 28, October and plans to deliver many of his mega-hits to the many anxious fans who are expected to attend this year's festival.

Damian 'Jr Gong' Marley has been a constant fixture on many of the world's top music festivals throughout 2012, winning new fans and performing to critical acclaim wherever he performed. He is at present experiencing one of his most successful years in the music business. Since his debut album, "Mr. Marley" in 1996, the 'Jr Gong' has been stirring up the reggae music airwaves with his many hits. He is best known for hits like, It was written, Half Way Tree, Welcome to Jamrock, Road to Zion, The Mission, among many others.

Fans and patrons to the WCMF can expect a great treat from one of reggae and world's most recognizable faces and successful artistes. He represents the voice and sound of a new generation of reggae artistes. In addition patrons will get the opportunity to witness one of the true heirs of the Marley legacy and the continuation of the Marley music over the years.

*The 16th Annual Dominica World Creole Music Festival which is part of the annual national independence celebrations is dedicated to the memory of the late Jeff Joseph, a cadence-lypso icon who passed away November, 2011. At sixteen, the festival is celebrating its coming of age and its growing popularity as one of the most indigenous music festivals in the Caribbean. The Festival will run from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th October. **Night One, Friday 26th October:** The line-up includes Bouyon music pioneers, WCK; new Bouyon sensation, Asa Banton with his many hits including "I Know People that Know people"; Haitian Compas group, Kreyola; and an all-star cast of Zouk artistes including Tanya St. Vale, Luc Leandre, Stephane Ravor and Zouk Machine.*



We Set the Stage...

Night Two, Saturday 27th October is a celebration of the music of the dynamic and successful Barbadian Soca band, Krosfyah led by Edwin Yearwood; Dominican popular band, Fanatik with a slew of veteran front-men including Dereck 'Rah' Peters of WCK fame, Onyan of Burning Flames fame, and Fredo of Seventeen Plus of the USVI; the electrifying and dazzling sound of Disip Gazzman of Haiti; Reggae royal-highness, Taurus Riley of "She's So Royal" fame; and the pulsating sound of Bouyon music heavyweight, Triple Kay Global. **Night Three, Sunday 28th October** is a journey to roots music featuring Dominican music divas, Ophelia and Michelle; Damian 'Jr Gong' Marley; Rising Stars of Dominican music featuring Colton T, Chad Astaphans, Shamica Sorhaindo, Asher Thomas & Henry Etienne; the debut performance on the WCMF stage by the Original Gramacks International, paying tribute to their late leader, Jeff Jo; Popular Compas band, T-Vice and kings of Cadence music, Chubby and the Midnight Groovers.

The World Creole Music Festival is being produced by the Dominica Festivals Committee with the main sponsors being the Government of Dominica and telecommunications giant, Digicel: the bigger, better network.

World Creole Music Festival... Sweeter at 16!...Paying Homage to Jeff Jo.

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