

# Banckie Banx



## Career Notes

- Founded Bankie Banx and The Roots & Herbs (1977)
- Honored with Caribbean Music Legend award in 2008
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- Current album 'The News' called "once in a generation."
- First Eastern Caribbean artist to perform at Reggae Sunsplash (1983)
- Eight of his songs have reached #1 status in the Caribbean
- Featured on the groundbreaking reggae documentary "Cool Runnings"
- Co-wrote and recorded "It's Right" with Bob Dylan

Founded the Moonsplash Music Festival in 1991

- Hosted Jimmy Buffett Tunes on The Dunes at The Dune Preserve
- Featured performer on Jimmy Buffett's "Live In Anguilla" album
- Performed at Gillette Stadium with Jimmy Buffett in September 2007
- Founded "Project Stingray" music and arts education program
- "Big Chief" won best short film/video at Landcrab Film Festival (U.K.)
- Raised almost \$200,000 for charities since 2006

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Bankie Banx is one of the most distinctive voices to come out of the Caribbean. His raspy baritone has led many to proclaim his sound as a combination of Marley and Dylan. Bankie's laid back persona and island lifestyle evoke Jimmy Buffett, but his sound, lyrical content and delivery reflect the his stature as one of the great singer-songwriters of his generation. As a true testament to his talent, Bankie's music has been covered by the likes of Ritchie Havens, Bob Dylan and Jimmy Buffett. Bankie burst onto the Caribbean music scene more than 30 years ago with an album his album *Roots & Herbs*. Yet the continual evolution of his musical sound has helped him to remain fresh and win over a new generation of fans. His music fuses reggae, folk, blues and funk into a sound that is distinctly Bankie Banx.

Bankie's current album - his twelfth - is called "The News" and has been lavished with praise as a once-in-a-generation album. The album features the singles 'You Got Me', 'Valleys of our Fears' and 'King of the Dune'.

In 2007, Bankie brought Jimmy Buffett to the Dune Preserve concert venue for the most anticipated performance in the Eastern Caribbean. The performance was capture on a live CD/DVD entitled "Jimmy Buffett: Live In Anguilla" distributed by Mailboat Records. Bankie is featured on both the CD and DVD performing his classic "Stuck In Paradise". Though Bankie had previously achieved critical and popular reggae success, the world was introduced to, and experienced Bankie on a completely different stage.

With the release of his first album *Roots & Herbs* in 1977, Bankie Banx pioneered reggae music in the Eastern Caribbean. Bankie performed at Reggae Sunsplash in 1983 and again in 1992. He was featured during a live Sunsplash performance in the ground breaking reggae documentary *Cool Runnings*. Bankie has also made several international television appearances including *The Today Show* and *Good Morning America*. Bankie has recorded with music legends Bob Dylan and Jimmy Buffett. Bankie's recent music video *Big Chief* received the award for Best Music Video at the Landcrab Film Festival in Great Britain. Bankie's has also produced 11 critically acclaimed studio albums.

Bankie founded the Moonsplash Music Festival in 1991. Moonsplash has become one of the premier music festivals in the Eastern Caribbean, and is the longest running independent music festival in the region. Moonsplash has featured reggae icons including: Rita Marley, Bunny Wailer, The Wailers, Steel Pulse, Toots and the Maytals, Buju Banton, Black Uhuru, Freddie McGregor, Third World, Tarrus Riley, Culture, Marcia Griffith, Derek Morgan. Other renowned artists who have performed at Moonsplash include Ritchie Havens, The Bacon Brothers and Alana Davis.

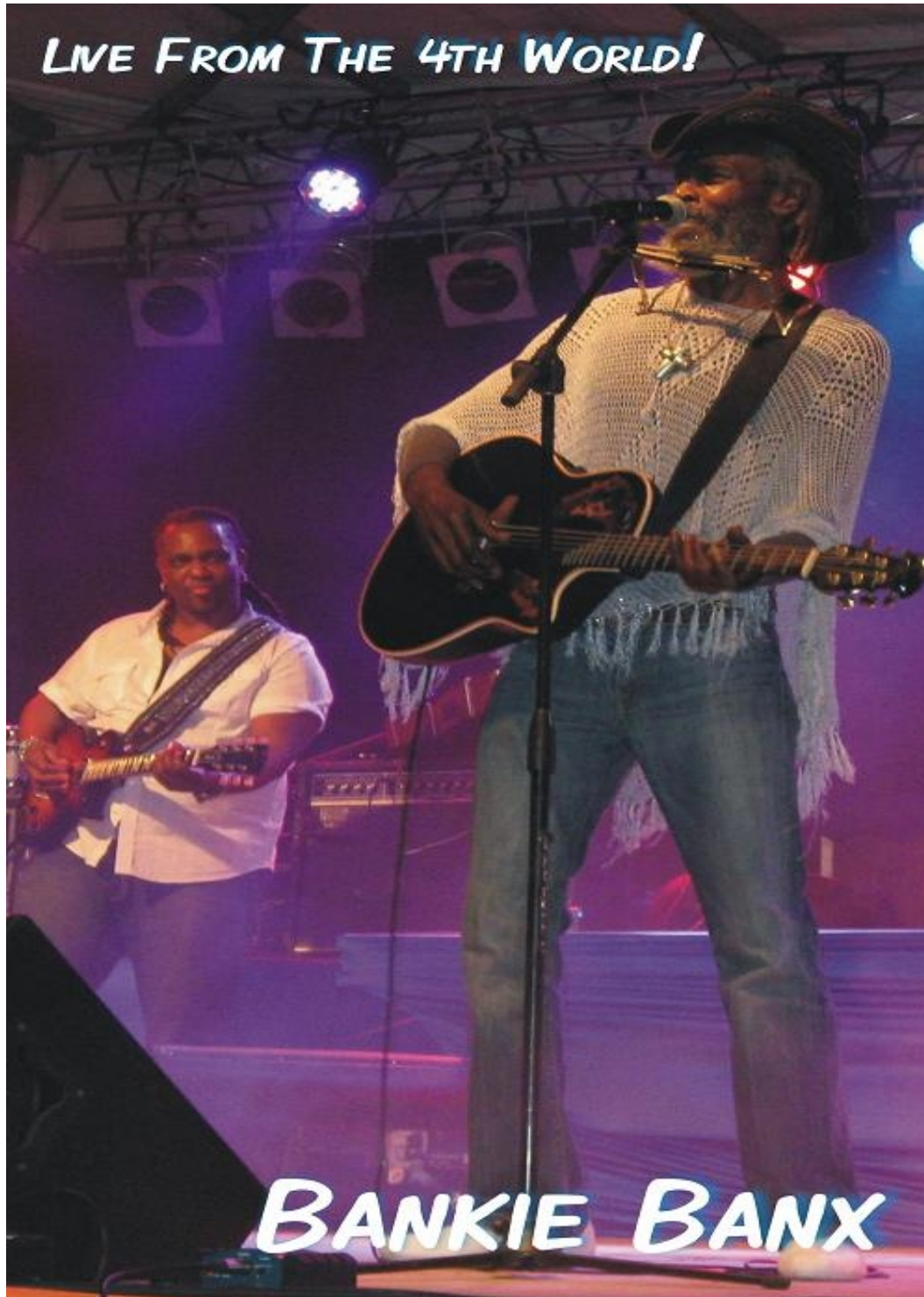
Bankie is a champion of music and arts education as well as environmental conservation. Bankie's family property on Anguilla - The Dune Preserve - is a designated nature preserve of which Bankie is the curator.

His charitable efforts have included: designating proceeds from his album "Mighty Wind" to rebuild traditional Anguillian racing boats destroyed by Hurricane Lenny. His work with The Dune Preserve, at Rendezvous Bay, is also well documented. In 2005, Bankie partnered with Triple Crown Culture Yard to create the Project Stingray Music Education Program. Stingray provides positive alternatives to crime and violence for local youth. Through education in music and the arts, Project Stingray builds self esteem and respect for local culture. Bankie's ongoing work is focused on fundraising and music instruction with the Stingray Program. During Moonsplash 2006, Bankie donated 30 new guitars to Project Stingray and later donated 9 guitars during the St. Kitts Music Festival.

Each year in March, Bankie provides an outlet for emerging talent through his renowned Moonsplash Music Festival.

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