



Top Winter Destination Prepares For Music Extravaganza

FEATURING: Buju Banton, Anthony B, Bankie Banx, The Roots & Herbs, The All Star Band, Alana Davis, Joshua. Introducing: Joanne Williams



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(Houston, TX) – In 1991, when island legend Bankie Banx and New Yorker Sheriff Bob Saidenberg loaded up a speed boat to put on a show on one of Anguilla's many offshore cays, no one would have imagined that their efforts would evolve into one of the Caribbean's best-known and most-loved festivals.

Moonsplash began as a roving musical festival with performances on Scilly Cay, St. Barths, Pinel Cay, Sandy Island and Prickly Pear. In the mid 90's the festival found a permanent home at the Dune Preserve and has grown in stature ever since. The Dune Preserve sits along the shores of Rendezvous Bay, Anguilla, and has been described by Elle Magazine U.K. as the coolest place in the Caribbean. The breath-taking vistas of this venue have served as an ideal backdrop for a wide variety of photo shoots.

Moonsplash is all about music and having fun. While the festival has a distinct reggae flare, it has hosted a diverse spectrum of performers, ranging from Woodstock Legend, Ritchie Havens, reggae pioneers, Toots & The Maytals, Black Uhuru, Rita Marley, Third World, and The Wailers.

Project Stingray, a not-for-profit music and art education program, co-founded by Bankie Banx in conjunction with Triple Crown Culture Yard, will reap benefits from Moonsplash 2006 on Anguilla. Major sponsors for Moonsplash 2006 include The Anguilla Tourist Board, Cap Juluca Hotel, Cable & Wireless, and Temenos. a St. Regis Resort. Each of the festival's major sponsors has committed to support community development and cultural programs on Anguilla, and Moonsplash is just one element of each organization's community outreach. The Anguilla Tourist Board has successfully positioned Anguilla as the vacation destination of choice. The distinctively Anguillian Cap Juluca Hotel has acquired the reputation as the top resort in the region, and its General Manager, Mr. Eustace Guishard, was recently named Hotelier of the year. Cap Juluca is the only Caribbean hotel to be featured on NBC's Today Throws a Wedding Special. Cable & Wireless is Anguilla's longtime telecommunications provider and a major supporter of local and regional cultural events. Temenos is one of Anguilla's newest resorts and will be the home of Anguilla's only golf course. The Greg Norman-designed course will feature 18 holes, 14 of which command breathtaking views of the sea.

Moonsplash 2006 takes place on Anguilla from Thursday, March 16 to Sunday, March 19, and will kick off with the celebrity cocktail party and jazz showcase at Cap Juluca. The festival also features two additional nights of seaside performances at the Dune Preserve: Friday March 17 - Anthony B, Joshua, The All Star Band and Joanne Williams; Saturday March 18 – Buju Banton, Bankie Banx & The Roots & Herbs, Alana Davis, The Allstar Band. Moonsplash will also host a local cultural fair on the grounds of Cable & Wireless on Saturday March 18. The festival culminates with a grand beach party, featuring local food, boat races, a fashion show and prizes. Moonsplash is a uniquely Anguillian experience which you have to feel to believe.

Ticket Prices

March 16, 2006 - Cocktail Party - \$50.00

March 17, 2006 – International Night - \$25.00

March 18, 2006 – Reggae Legends Night - \$30.00

Season Pass: International Night & Reggae Legends Night - \$45.00

§ Ticket prices apply only to advance ticket sales. Door prices will be substantially more. For those traveling from overseas please RSVP at obanks@bankiebanx.net in order to receive advance ticket prices.

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