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(The Dune Preserve, Anguilla) – On Sunday March 19, The 16<sup>th</sup> Moonsplash Music Festival came to a close with the Grand Beach Party and Fashion Show at The Dune Preserve. Moonsplash featured outstanding performances by Buju Banton, Bankie Banx and The Roots & Herbs, Anthony B, The Allstar Band featuring Cat Coore and Benjy Myaz. Alana Davis, Jah-D, Onaje Allan Gumbs, Tony Ruption, Joanne Williams and Joshua were just some of the other international performing artists featured.

Moonsplash 2006 kicked off with the annual celebrity cocktail party at Cap Juluca on Thursday March 16. The event featured presentation of awards to representative from Cable & Wireless, The Anguilla Tourist Board and Cap Juluca. The even was capped with exceptional performances by Joanne Williams, accompanied by Irino Hodge on guitar and a performance by Bankie Banx accompanied by Jah-D on saxophone.

Friday night's performances at the Dune Preserve were hosted by Moonsplash veterans Benjy Myaz and Cat Coore, who were joined by fellow All Stars Jah-D, Junior Jazz, Onaje Allan Gumbs, Joanne Williams, Tony Ruption and Anguilla's own Terry Hodge Carty of Better Band. Benjy and Cat kept the crowd entertained with their banter excellent song selection. Singer/songwriter Alana Davis made a special appearance and performed some of her favorites during the All Star band's set and particularly thrilled the crowd with her rendition of "Nice Time." The All Star set came to a thrilling crescendo as Bankie joined the group to perform the upbeat "Taking Over." One of the evening's surprises was Jamaica's pint-sized dynamo Joshua, who thrilled the crowd with his rendition of "Everyday is Gunshot." Anthony B, gave the Moonsplash crowd two hours of pure ecstasy with his upbeat and animated styling.

Saturday night was truly a night of legendary performance highlighted by the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion of Bankie Banx and The Roots and Herbs and later by Buju Banton. Bankie Banx and The Roots & Herbs guided the record setting audience on a journey across 30 years to the roots of reggae music. Buju performed all of his hits amassed during his splendid career and several new offers. United Nations reporter Donald Bobb and Sirius Satellite Radio's Pat McKay hosted this evening of legends that came to a satisfying end at nearly 5 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Moonsplash further cemented its legacy as one of the region's premier festivals by attracting record crowds for each evening's performances. Moonsplash also maintained its unblemished record for safety and nonviolence completing the sixteenth straight festival without incident. The Moonsplash Festival committee extends sincerest thanks to The Royal Anguilla Police Force, and the private security employed during the festival for their diligence and professionalism. The committee also thanks the Anguillian public, and especially the young people on the island for the respectfulness and character demonstrated throughout the course of the festival.

This year's Moonsplash Music Festival would not have been the overwhelming success that it proved to be without the help and support of our sponsors. The committee thanks the Anguilla Tourist Board for recognizing that Moonsplash attracts more visitors to the island than any other festival. The renewed commitment of the Anguilla Tourist Board to Moonsplash will go a long way in further establishing Anguilla as a premier vacation destination. The committee further thanks Cable & Wireless for their commitment to indigenous cultural efforts and for their history of service on Anguilla for more than 34 years. The Moonsplash Festival Committee thanks the staff of Cap Juluca Hotel and extends a special thanks to Mr. Eustace Guishard, the Caribbean's Hotelier of The Year. Mr. Guishard has been an inspiration for Anguillians and has demonstrated that with hard work and perseverance Anguillians can achieve the highest levels in Anguilla's most important industry. Mr. Guishard has been a friend to Moonsplash before it became the trendy thing to do, and is an uncompromising Anguillian icon. The committee thanks the management and staff of National Bank of Anguilla, American Eagle, ABC Building Supplies, Caribbean Liquors and Tobacco, Lloyd's Bed and Breakfast, Patsy's, Ferryboat Inn, Paradise Cove, Family Radio, Kool FM, Heartbeat Radio and the many outlets on Anguilla and the surrounding islands that carried Moonsplash 2006 tickets.

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