

# Bob Marley is first Inductee to Reggae Hall of Fame

Late Jamaican reggae superstar Bob Marley is the first inductee to the International Reggae Music Hall of Fame formally established during the Fifth Annual International Reggae Music Awards Saturday, May 10 at Chicago's huge Broadway Avenue Armory in the United States.

The inauguration of the Reggae Hall of Fame lent a touch of history to the Awards presentation ceremony attended by hundreds of reggae music lovers from across the United States, Canada, Jamaica and the United Kingdom and coincided with the fifth anniversary of the passing of Marley who succumbed to cancer in a Miami hospital May 11, 1981.

The Marley family was represented at the Awards Show by Judy Mowatt, a member of the vocal group "I Threes" who backed Marley on stage from the beginning of his fairytale rise from the sprawling slums of Kingston, the Jamaican capital.

Mowatt forced back tears as she acknowledged the honour and received the Hall of Fame trophy for Mrs. Rita Marley, before taking two awards in her own right and dazzling fans with a smooth performance she is now well known for.

Other top reggae stars appearing on the show included Michael Rose, former lead singer of Grammy winning Black Uhuru, Mutabaruka, Wailing Souls, Oku Onoura, Safari Reggae Band, Yabba Griffiths, Debbie DeFire and Devon Brown, backed by the Chicago Reggae All-Stars Band.

The 1986 Reggae Grammy winner, Jimmy Cliff received the Bob Marley Memorial Award for Top International Reggae Entertainer. Judy Mowatt was named Best Fe-

male Vocalist for 1985, Sugar Minott — top Recording Artist, Dennis Brown Best Male Vocalist, Michael Rose — Most Outstanding Showman, Third World Reggae Band — Most Outstanding Showband, Best Reggae Album ("Sense of Purpose") and Best Crossover Reggae Song for the monster hit of the same name.

American rap group, the Fat Boys took the Best Reggae Video for their "Hardcore Reggae". Bob Geldoff received the Marcus Garvey Entertainers Humanitarian Award for organizing the Live Aid Concert to help feed the starving people in Ethiopia, British-based Steel Pulse was named Most Culture-Oriented band, Burning Spear — Most Culture-Oriented Artist, Best Reggae Poet — Mutabaruka, Producer of the Year — RAS Records and Best Reggae Song went to "Girlie Girlie" by Sophia George.

The Martin's International Honour Award for Outstanding Contribution to Reggae Music was taken by Clement "Coxone" Dodd, a pioneer among reggae producers, Ini Kamoze and Tenor Saw tied for Most Promising Entertainer, Roger Steffens and Barry Gordon also tied for Most Popular Reggae Radio Disc Jockey, the Mighty Diamonds was the Most Improved Reggae Group, Wayne Smith, the Most Improved Reggae Artist, Sister Carol, the Best Female Deejay, Brigadier Jerry — Best Male Deejay, Reggae and African Beat — Most Popular Reggae Magazine, Sagittarius — Best Back-up Band, Dean Fraser — Best Reggae Instrumentalist and Synergy, organizers of Sunsplash — Japan received the Award for Reggae Concert of the Year.

The Awards Ceremony organized by Martin's International, DG and Air Jamaica was broadcast live in Jamaica on Radio Jamaica.