

Bob Marley statue to be unveiled March 31

Plans are now being finalised for unveiling of the Bob Marley statue, to take place at the official opening of Jamfest '85, the World Youth Festival of Arts. The unveiling and official opening ceremony will take place at Celebrity Park, National Stadium, on March 31.

The statue was executed by outstanding sculptor Alvin Marriott, with progress being monitored by Neville Garrick, art director of Tuff Gong Music and a close associate of the late reggae singer. Mr. Garrick carried out his work on behalf of the Government and the Marley family.

The Gleaner has been advised that Mr. Marriott recently returned to Jamaica from London, where he has been residing, and is now completing arrangements with the Urban Development Corporation for mounting of the statue.

Prime Minister Edward Seaga will deliver the main address at the opening ceremony. The programme will also include a selection of Bob Marley's music, and participation of members of the Marley family.

The official opening ceremony will be followed by Reggae Night — a musical tribute to Bob Marley, which will take place at the National Stadium.

Jamfest, which is being held to mark the International Year of Youth, will bring together young people from Canada, the United States, West Germany, Ireland, England, Japan, Australia, Israel, Mexico, Venezuela, Trinidad, Barbados, and the Bahamas, with other countries expected to join in the celebrations.

The range of activities planned for the 10 day festival covers the religious as well as the secular. Many of the events have been planned around the concept of mini-festivals, such as an international gospel festival, an international pop music festival, an international film festival, and an international festival of praise, as well as a theatre and jazz music festivals. There will also be a series of seminars and workshops on various areas of the arts.