

Brixton honours Marley

B/W Robert Nesta Marley



Artist Iusi Miyo and his tribute to Bob Marley.

The memory of the legendary Bob Marley was honoured once again, this time by the London borough of Lambeth. A specially commissioned plaque by Brixton based artist Iusi Miyo was unveiled by the dub-poet supreme Linton Kwesi Johnson, at the Dexon Road space, Brixton, last Friday. The Mayor of Lambeth, Councillor Kingsley Smith, welcomed the crowd. And Council Leader Linda Bellos, who controlled the proceedings said: "It is wonderful to see positive things happening in Brixton.

This plaque is in an area where Bob Marley had many friends, and where many people appreciate the immense contribution he made to promoting black culture the world over." Before unveiling the plaque Linton Kwesi Johnson paid tribute to the great reggae ambassador: "On rare occasions in history individuals are blessed with equally rare ability. Bob Marley was a genius in the field of popular music." It was just six months ago that community member Kito Gonzales approached

Lambeth council with the idea of commemorating the memory of Bob Marley. Artist Iusi Miyo, who came up with the design for the plaque which he made in one month said: "I am proud to be able to give something back to the black community, other than music. This plaque just goes to show what black people can do when given the opportunity." Music to honour the Jamaican national hero was provided by the Dick Sheppard School Steel Band from Tulse Hill.