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MTV captures Sean Kingston's 18th birthday celebration in Jamaica

United States music channel, MTV is currently in Jamaica to film the 18th birthday celebration of Jamaican/American singer, Sean Kingston at the Sunset Jamaica Grande in Ocho Rios.

Sean was born in the US to Jamaican parents and raised in Jamaica after moving to the island at the age of six. Sean's current visit, which began yesterday (January 31), will see him soaking up the sun at various attractions in and around Ocho Rios before partying the night away on Saturday, February 3.

MTV will be filming much of Sean's three-day visit for their "My Super Sweet 18" television series. The filming and visit of the reggae/pop singer was facilitated and arranged by the Jamaica Tourist Board.

[For further information visit: www.mtv.com or telephone: (876) 908-5262].

Jamaica surges ahead in round-the-world yacht race

JAMAICA is now in first position among nine other teams of cities and nations that are taking part in the Clipper 07-08 round-the-world yacht race. The competition, which started on 2007, September 16 from Liverpool in England, is the longest race in the world. The event has ten legs allowing the teams to dock at various ports across the globe. The race is now in its sixth leg.

Jamaica raced to the lead after coming in ninth position at the end of race 5 (the fifth leg) of the competition. The sixth leg of the race will see each of the ten yachts sailing from Santa Cruz along the United States West Coast to Panama City then on to Colon and concluding in Port Antonio, Jamaica. The fleet's estimated time of arrival on the island is 2008, May 19.

This is the first time that a Jamaica yacht is participating in the competitions and the island's entrance in the 07-08 race was initiated by the Jamaica Tourist Board, who branded the yacht with the JTB's trademark logo - JAMAICA and the JTB's tagline: Once You Go, You Know.

[For further information visit: www.jamaicaclipper.com or www.clipperroundtheworld.com]



Natural mystic dinner marks Bob's birthday

As part of the activities to celebrate reggae month in February, Strawberry Hills Hotel will host a Bob Marley Birthday Celebration & Dinner entitled *Natural Mystic*. This will be held on Wednesday, February 6 (Bob's actual birth date).

Natural Mystic will showcase live performances from the I-Threes and Etana as well as authentic cuisine by Bob's legendary cook, Sister Mini of Mini's Restaurant and Strawberry Hill's Chef Kingsley. The event will also feature Lloyd Parks and the We the People Band as well as up and coming new artists and never-before-seen video clips of Bob Marley.

Famed Hollywood actor, Danny Glover and four-time Grammy-nominated Beninese singer and songwriter, Angélique Kidjo will join in the celebrations.

All proceeds of the event will go to the Bob Marley Foundation and the Irish Town Music Programme.

[For further information telephone: (876) 944-8400

Jamaica Fat Tyre Festival 2008

The 2008 Jamaica Fat Tyre Festival is a six-day event for mountain bikers to test their skill and agility while enjoying the breathtaking scenery of the lush St Mary/St. Ann countryside. Professional riders who will be a part of the festivities include, Kyle Ebbett, Cam McCaul, Thomas Vanderham and Kathy Pruitt.

This, the 11th staging of the biking festival will run from February 5 – 10 and features Rambolympics, Bunny Hop, Mechanics Race, Bump Contest and much more. The competition will culminate with the Jamaica Bicycle Bash, where Jamaican participants will be required to do many fun and interesting stunts alongside the pros.

The 2008 Jamaica Fat Tyre Festival is being captured by Ride Guide TV for distribution in over 60 countries reaching more than 170 million viewers across the globe.

[For further information telephone: (876)975-3393 or visit: www.smorba.com

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Sunset at the Palms Resort & Spa Ranks among Top Romance Resorts by TripAdvisor.com

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Sunset at the Palms Resort & Spa in Montego Bay has been honoured by leading travel research site TripAdvisor.com as a top romance resort destination in the Traveller's Choice Overall Hotel List for 2008. Sunset Resorts placed 6th in Trip Advisor's 10 Best For Romance in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Winners of TripAdvisor Traveller's Choice are typically selected by millions of travellers around the world who provide their opinions and ratings on different properties.

[For further information visit:
www.tripadvisor.com/travelerschoice OR
www.sunsetresortsjamaica.com



Reminder

The University of Technology's School of Hospitality and Tourism Management will kick off its "International Cuisine Dinner Series" (each Friday from February, 1 to March 28) with "Journey to Japan", an expose on Japanese gourmet and culture at Lillian's Restaurant on the campus grounds.

Other themed dinners are:

- Friday, February 8 – INDIAN NIGHT
- Friday, February 15 – SPANISH NIGHT
- Friday, February 22 – ITALIAN NIGHT
- Friday, February 29 – TASTE OF AFRICA NIGHT
- Friday, March 7 – CARIBBEAN NIGHT
- Friday, March 28 – FRENCH NIGHT

[For further information email: icds2008@yahoo.com or telephone: 876-867-4028]

Upcoming Events

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For details on these and other information of relevance to the JTB and the tourist industry please visit our information portal at www.jtbonline.org