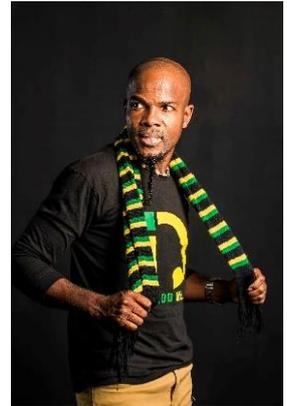


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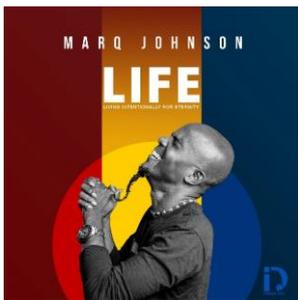
Recording Artiste | Transformational Speaker | Talk Show Host | Philanthropist

HIS STORY

In summer of 2014, at the end of Marq Johnson's very first studio recording session with his first band, the producer turned to the band leader and concluded that Marq was not a lead singer and recommended that he should be replaced immediately and assigned only to keyboards instead. He went on further to explain that "Lead vocalists are born, not made". This propelled Marq to enrol in 2 weekly vocal classes which he continued even when resources were scarce, because he believed in the image he had in his mind from teenage years, of himself standing on a large music festival stage with a mic in a straight stand, holding a guitar and singing to an international audience of tens of thousands. Exactly 1 year after that pivotal studio session, Johnson released his debut single in 3 countries. Another year passed then he released his debut self-titled EP, another single and received an international award. After another 12 months, he won another international award and landed on an international chart. The BIG Question is, "What if Marq had believed that producer?" He shares this story particularly with young people everywhere he goes and encourages them to relentlessly pursue the discovery of God, discovery of self and discovery of purpose because he believes these are the most vital discoveries for which every human soul relentlessly searches



HIS MUSIC



Marq Johnson is a Jamaican recording artiste, producer, songwriter, pianist, speaker and talk show host. His undying passion to inspire the next generation to relentlessly pursue the discovery of God, discovery of self and discovery of purpose plays out in his music, message, merchandise and mingles. He understands why most would consider him to be a Gospel artiste and so he doesn't reject the label however, when asked, he explained, "I am a Reggae and Dancehall artiste who loves and lives for the King of Kings, Christ Jesus. Many persons may not realise but on the global music platform, "Gospel" is a genre defined by certain musical characteristics and nuances with which my music is not consistent." Johnson cited examples of "Gospel" icons in the likes of Kirk Franklyn, Hezekiah Walker, Yolanda Adams and Shirley Caesar, then smirked, "mark you, I wish I could sing half as good as these veterans but that's not the genre of the music I produce and perform... my music is predominantly hardcore Dancehall and Reggae".

HIS WORK

Since his introduction to the scene in 2015, he has done just under 500 bookings throughout the island of Jamaica, as well as a few in USA and Trinidad. Up to the summer of 2021, Marq has released 9 singles, most of which span 2 EPs. His latest release, "Black Beauty", was dropped in Black History Month 2021 to celebrate what he calls, "my black sisters across the word". He emphasises that, "this song has nothing to do with racism but everything to do with an appreciation of the beauty, strength and value of my African sisters". He dropped his first music video for this anthem the following month on international women's day, March 8. August 2021 marks a significant milestone for Marq Johnson as he celebrates 6 years as a solo recording independent artiste which he says he will commemorate with a few activities throughout the month. Marq recently launched his own live online shows, "CrossTalk", a talk show exploring controversial youth-related issues and, "dTune Thursday", a short music show about his new and upcoming projects as well as throwbacks from his existing music projects. The launch of his special edition debut album, "Life" and the relaunch of his apparel brand, "Imago Dei" are still in the pipelines for 2021/2022. Marq loves connecting with his supporters, fans and followers every chance he gets because he believes that relationship is indeed the most important thing in the human experience

