

## DEXTA MALAWI - REGGAE ARTIST BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



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DEXTA MALAWI is a star in the galaxy of today's young artists working to restore roots rock reggae to its rightful spot at the crown of Jamaican music. He burst onto the music landscape with "Woke Up This Morning", a happy song on a dancing beat by Kabaka Pyramid of Bebble Rock music that drew mental images of a cool river, sunshine, with upfull meditations and sounds that captured the ear. Boosting the song with a launch of the single's video at popular ital restaurant Veggie Meals on Wheels on his birthday, December 26, 2013, Dexta Malawi has continued to hold the music public's attention. "Talented" and "A different style" are some of the words used by several producers and fans to describe this artist.

Using a mix of mainly reggae, hip-hop and dancehall along with older styles of Jamaican music such as ska, intertwined with slight influences from some European styles and rock music, Dexta Malawi tries to represent the current Jamaican situations and states of mind from a musically artistic point of view. Known as a performer of both songs and poetry, he has more than fifteen songs already recorded.

Academically, Dexta Malawi is a graduate of the University Of Technology (UTECH) as an Environmental Engineer, the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts with qualifications in web design, and from the Media Technology Institute of C.T.P.C. with an Associate Degree in Video Production. He also attended CARIMAC at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, where he graduated with a Distinction in Radio Production.

His day job is as an environmental engineer with the National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) and additional training includes Computer Mechanics, but Dexta Malawi's never-yielding passion for creating intense, educationally entertaining lyrics and melodies has kept him developing his musical potential and gaining wider recognition for his talent.

Born Leroy Omar Taylor in December 1987, Dexta Malawi grew up in the country side Community of Cascade in St. Ann, Jamaica and this is reflected in the word sound vibrations uttered by this artiste. Coming out under the Reach Di People Edutainment, an indie Label, Dexta Malawi has had significant impact on the underground reggae music scene since July 2009. Describing himself as a performer, song writer, poet, entrepreneur, and historian, Dexta Malawi says his songs are geared towards social commentary, spirituality, food, women and mental liberation.



In his short but stellar career, Dexta Malawi has performed in Jamaica at hotels, dinners, fashion shows and stage shows such as UTECH's Spectrum, Jamnesia, Manifesto Jamaica, Seh Sup'm poetry events, Red Bones Blues Cafe, Conscious Reggae Party and the annual Reggae Month celebrations, that have given him experience and a wider fan base.

In 2011 Dexta Malawi performed in Shijiazhuang, China at the Hebei University of Science & Technology Student Festival in 2011. Another international performance took place June 2014, when he performed in Harlem, New York on the bill of the UNIA/ACL Marcus Garvey Centenary Festival -- a prestigious booking made possible by the popularity of his hit "Woke Up This Morning".

Inspired by artists such as Ini Kamozi, Daweh Congo, Junior Gong and Midnite, Dexta Malawi's singles include 'Lef Dem In Awe', 'Mi An Mi Empress', 'Hot Hot Hot', as well as his current hit song "Yaad Man Skank" which already has more than 25,000 hits on YouTube. His collaborations include Kabaka Pyramid, Exile Di Brave, Koro Fyah and Joseph I. Dexta Malawi is scheduled to launch his EP 'The Malawian Journeys 1.0' in October 2014.

Look out for Dexta Malawi to Reach Di People!

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For Dexta Malawi Bookings and Information

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#### MUSIC VIDEOS

'WOKE UP THIS MORNING'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ca37ZvuCT6Y&feature=youtu.be>

'YAAD MAN SKANK'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGwESPaz04w>

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## CAREER TIMELINE

Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2012

- Certificate-Web Page Design

Media Technology Institute, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2011

- Associate Degree-Video Production

CARIMAC-University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2008

- Certificate of Distinction in Radio Production

Solid Base Computer Institute, St. Catherine, Jamaica, 2001

- Certificate in PC Mechanics and Web Page Design

## Shows, Exhibitions, Festivals and Other Events on which I Have Performed

1. Rockers Revolution Saturdays, Constant Spring Road, St. Andrew, Jamaica, July 2014
2. UNIA/ACL Marcus Garvey Centenary Festival, Harlem, New York City, USA, June 2014
3. Jamaica Epicurean Festival 2014, Priory, St. Ann, Jamaica, May 2014
4. Groundation, Red Bones Café, New Kingston, St. Andrew, Jamaica, May 2014
5. I-revolt, Comfitanya Lounge, Crieffe Road St. Andrew, Jamaica, January 2014
6. Rasta Party Part 3, Veggie Meals on Wheels, Cross Roads, St, Andrew, Jamaica, December 2013
7. Nature Live, Nanook, Half Way Tree, St. Andrew, Jamaica, December 2013
8. Pre-Christmas Fun and Talent fiesta, Garmex Heart Academy, St. Andrew, Jamaica, December 2013
9. France and Friends, Great Huts Resorts, Boston Bay, Portland, Jamaica, December 2013
10. Yaad Man Skank Launch, Tony's Bar, New Kingston, St. Andrew, Jamaica, May 2013
11. Kulcha Fest, UTECH ACRM Lawn, Papine, St. Andrew, Jamaica, February 2013
12. France and Friends, Jamnesia, Bull Bay, St. Andrew, Jamaica, October 2013
13. Conscious Reggae Party, MISTIC PLAZA , Hagley Park Road, St. Andrew, Jamaica, November 2013
14. Live it UP Festivals, Veggie Meals on wheels, Cross Roads, St. Andrew, October 2013
15. Live it UP Fridays, Veggie Meals on wheels, Cross Roads, St. Andrew, 2012
16. Dis Poem Word Festival, College of agriculture, Science & Education, Portland, April 2012
17. Conscious Reggae Party, Tony's Bar, New Kingston St. Andrew, Jamaica, August 2012
18. NEPA Christmas function, Wyndham Hotel, New Kingston, St. Andrew, Jamaica, Dec 2011
19. Rhythm and Booths, University of the West Indies, Mona, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2011
20. Rasta Raunt Strongends, Veggie meals on Wheels, Cross Roads, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2011
21. Annual Customer Appreciation, The Jamaica Civil Service Mutual Thrift Society, Cross Roads, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2011
22. Graduation, Media Technology Institute, Arnold Road, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2010
23. Manifesto Festival of Artical Empowerment, Edna Manley College of Performing Arts, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2011
24. Manifesto Event, Bob Marley Museum, Old Hope Road, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2011
25. Rasta Redemption, Wiki Waki Lawn, Bull Bay, St. Thomas, Jamaica, 2009 & 2011
26. Hebei University of Science & Technology Student Festival, Shijiazhuang, China, 2011
27. Manifesto Youth Program Launch, Taylor Hall, University of the West Indies, Mona, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2011
28. Seh Sum'p Poetry, Village Blues Bar, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2009, 2010
29. Utech and Communities Cultural Expo, Papine, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2009 and 2010



30. African Cultural Renaissance Movement Events, University Of Technology, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2010
31. St. Jago High School Charity Event, St. Jago High School, St. Catherine, Jamaica, 2010
32. CVM at sunrise Performance, Constant Spring road, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2010
33. Jamnesia Events, Bull Bay, St. Thomas, Jamaica, 2010
34. Reggae Month Celebration, Edna Manley College of Performing Arts, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2009
35. Spectrum, University Of Technology, Kingston 6, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2008

#### Awards, Honors and Commissions

- Certificate of Participation Utech and Communities Cultural Expo, Papine, St. Andrew, 2010
- Second Place- Seh Sum’p Poetry Competition, Village Blues bar, St. Andrew, 2010

#### Related Activity

- Graphic Designer, Reach Di People Entertainment, 2009-Present
- Editor/ Director, Reach Di People Entertainment, 2010-Present
- CEO, Reach di People Foods, 2010-Present

#### Articles

- “Dexta Malawi and Iyunda Releases yaad Man Skank”-Entertainment section, May 2014.
- “Oshin Carr Tops Poetry Competition” - Entertainment Section, October, 2010.
- “Bark and Roots” Observer News, September 12, 2010.

#### Radio Interviews

- Friday 14 February 2014 at 8:15am-Interviewed by Sharon Haye Webster and Clyde Williams on News talk 93FM.
- Friday 14 February 2014 at 11:00am-Interviewed by Denise “Isis” miller on roots 96FM.
- Wednesday 19 February 2014 at 11:15pm-Interviewed by Steppa on Sun City 104.9FM.
- Friday 7 March 2014 at 12:45pm- Interviewed by Stephen Golding on Hot 102FM.
- Saturday 7 June 2014 at 7pm- Interviewed by icebox Intl. on Zionhighness.com.

