GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING REGGAE ICON BUJU BANTON ANNOUNCES HIS FIRST PERFORMANCE IN THE UNITED STATES IN 15 YEARS

'Long Walk To Freedom' Concert Heads To New York on Saturday, July 13 at the UBS Arena



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NEW YORK, NY (May 28, 2024)- After a 15-year absence, GRAMMY Award-winning, reggae icon **Buju Banton** is set to make a triumphant return to the United States. Fans and music lovers alike can rejoice as Buju Banton, along with The Shiloh Band, will be gracing the stage at the renowned **UBS Arena** in New York on **Saturday**, **July 13**. This highly anticipated return of the legendary artist and philanthropist brings an air of celebration and triumph symbolizing resilience and hope for all. For ticket information and event details, visit www.bujubanton.com.

Rightfully titled "Long Walk To Freedom – N.Y." Buju Banton's comeback is a continuation of his return to the worldwide stage, which he kicked off his world tour at home in Kingston's

famed National Stadium, which was one of the biggest music events in Jamaica's history with over 30,000 in attendance.

A true testament to the power of perseverance, determination of his faith and triumphant career, Buju Banton starts a new chapter of The Long Walk To Freedom journey. Saturday, July 13th, will also be a celebration of life as Buju Banton celebrates his birthday. "I give thanks for life each day, but on this weekend, there is a special thanksgiving and I look forward to celebrating with all of my family, friends and everyone who has prayed and supported me over the years" says Buju Banton.

"It's a true honor to witness the return of a legend, as history unfolds before our eyes once again. On January 16th 2011, we produced Buju Banton's last concert dubbed "Before the Dawn" in Miami, Florida, his return concert Long Walk To Freedom Jamaica, and today we announce, Buju Banton's return to U.S. concert "Long Walk to Freedom-NY", slated for Saturday July 13th 2024. We look forward to presenting an exceptional concert as we partner with AG Consulting and Dahved Levy, whose experience in the market is profound" says Joseph Budafuco, Buju Banton's manager.

"From his last show at Madison Square Garden in 2008 to now first show back in New York at the UBS Arena, it is with great pleasure to be a part of history. Buju Banton is the baddest DJ ever to ride a dancehall riddim and all I can say is I won't miss this show" says Dahved Levy, radio personnel at WBLS and host of Long Walk To Freedom-NY.

Buju Banton will perform his world-renowned classic hits and beloved songs that have captured the hearts of many over the years. With his signature sound and undeniable talent, Buju Banton's return is sure to be a night to remember for all in attendance.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to witness history and join Buju Banton and The Shiloh Band on July 13 for a night of unforgettable music and memories.

About UBS Arena

UBS Arena is made for music and built for hockey. New York's newest premier entertainment and sports venue and proud home of the New York Islanders is developed in partnership with Oak View Group, the New York Islanders, and Jeff Wilpon. The state of the art arena has welcomed top artists from around the globe since opening in November 2021 including Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen, Chris Stapleton, Dua Lipa, Drake, Harry Styles, Marc Anthony and Suga. The venue delivers an unmatched live entertainment experience for guests including clear sightlines and premier acoustics.

UBS Arena is at the forefront of sustainability, recently achieving Zero Waste TRUE Silver certification in May 2024 in addition to its LEED Green Building Certification and carbon neutrality for operations.

Located on the historic grounds of Belmont Park, UBS Arena is located just 30 minutes by LIRR from Grand Central or Penn Station and is easily accessible from across the region via mass transit or car. To plan your trip, please visit UBSArena.com/plan-your-trip.

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