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Jamaican Reggae band Third World is excited to return to the island to perform for fans at the French "Carnaval De Saint Martin" R.A.W. 2017 Reggae AllWays concert and promises patrons a "magical night."

"Third World has performed for the beautiful people of St. Maarten many times and every time we return to one of the Caribbean islands, it's like coming home," Third World tells Out 'N About as they prepare for the concert. "The energy and the vibration of the islands are like nowhere else and in St. Maarten/St. Martin; it's really special because it's like a taste of Europe right there surrounded by the Caribbean Sea."

The last time the group performed on the island was for the Arthur Guinness Day Celebration held more than five years ago. "Although we passed through St. Maarten on our way to Anguilla for the Bankie Bank's Moonsplash as recent as two years ago, I love our St. Maarten family. It's really interesting to have the flavour of Dutch and French on one island. The food is exceptional – fresh fish, bakes and roasted breadfruit. The beaches are amazing and the view

ch is wicked."

rld said fans can expect a true showcase presen- he show: "The band is really performing at a top, You're going to hear all the classic songs and we t take you on our journey back to the 70s where ed. I will most definitely play a selection on the our drummer Ruption is sure to get concert go- ng to the beat of djembe. It's gonna be a magical we are super excited to be sharing the stage with King Shango and Capleton. Now that we found Maarten, it's gonna be '96 Degrees in the Shade' with a 'Sense of Purpose.'"

current affairs, the musical group has been work- album over the past couple of years and says it's ing close to completion. "It's a very special proj- produced by my godsons Stephen and Damian The project is going well and we plan to release soon – hopefully before we come to St. Maarten. lso working on a '96 Degrees in the Shade' pepper at will be launched this year. This is the 40th an- of our album '96 Degrees in the Shade.' We also back-to-back cruises – the Love and Harmony with Beres Hammond and Shabba Ranks cruising ca and then the Soul Train Cruise with legendary h as Kool and The Gang, Chic and Chaka Khan, a cruise to Mexico."

will be held on Saturday, February 25, at French artin Carnival Village in Galisbay.

THA HOT$HOT TO TAKE ON US AT MINI TOUR IN MARCH

St. Maarten's very own singing sensation Tha Hot$hot will be serenading audiences in the United States at his first mini tour this spring.

Entitled "USA 2017 Spring Promo Run", this March tour will include live performances at The Nerve deejays Showcase in Manhattan, New York; SXSW Festival (South by Southwest) a music conference and festival in the US held in Austin, Texas; Indastreets2industry in Austin, Texas and at Lil' Wayne's Spring Break Beach Bash on South Padre Island, Texas. Headliners for the beach bash will be British Rapper Lady Leshurr, Hip-Hop group Migos and the legendary Lil' Wayne.

Tha Hot$hot's most recent single "What You Ready For?", which features St. Maarten artist D. Kullus, has been rotated over several markets throughout internet, satellite and terrestrial radio locally, regionally and internationally. The single is the most successful of his career thus far being featured on over 50 websites and on numerous DJ mixtapes.

Tha Hot$hot has also landed a few radio interviews, two of which take place in New York with DJ Suss One on Sirius Xm Radio, and with DJ L Bully and DJ Mobile on Yacradio.

During this promo run, he will also be meeting with Sony, Roc Nation, Def Jam and Atlantic Records. These four major record companies are all interested in the catalogue that the artist has to offer by emerging through the Caribbean market heading into the international scene.

Tha Hot$hot is signed to the independent record label and artist management of D.Y. Entertainment and together they have established a partnership with booking agency Artist Auditions, which is based in the US, Japan and England.

The partnership provided Tha Hot$hot with the opportunity to open for hip hop superstar Lil' Wayne. This was his first show in the states.

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St. Maarten Carniv Development Founda tion (SCDF) has adde something to the Ca nival schedule th has been missing f a number of years – Soca warm-up conce the night before th Jouvert morning jum up. Together wi Carib Beer and Ca tain Morgan Rum, th foundation will ho the "Jouvert Jump-U 2017" concert featu ing four Soca artis with local performers

On stage will by So sensations Lyrik Skinny Fabulous, P trice Roberts and Pe Ram. There will also a number of local a that will be announc soon. The foundati has tried different co binations of conce and other events the night leading up Jouvert, but none h worked as well as Soca concert.

Lyrikal "Cloud 9"

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