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### **Dominica Launches 25th Edition of World Creole Music Festival**

Three Nights of Iconic Performances Set for October 24–26 at Windsor Park Sports Stadium

ROSEAU, Dominica (July 6, 2025) — The Ministry of Tourism and the Discover Dominica Authority (DDA) have officially launched the 25th edition of the World Creole Music Festival (WCMF), unveiling a dynamic artist lineup and commemorative theme for the highly anticipated cultural showcase. Scheduled for October 24 to 26, 2025, at Windsor Park Sports Stadium in Roseau, the festival will be held under the theme: "Global Echoes of the Nature Island: Celebrating 25 Years of Creole Music, Magic, and Memories."



The silver anniversary edition celebrates a powerful blend of music and cultural pride, featuring the voices of regional icons, local legends and global stars across three nights of performances. With a strong focus on Creole identity and Caribbean musical excellence, the 2025 festival reinforces Dominica's role as a leader in cultural tourism.

"The World Creole Music Festival is a cultural flagship that has elevated Dominica's visibility and amplified the voices of Creole people everywhere," said Marva Williams, CEO of the Discover Dominica Authority and Director of Tourism. "As we commemorate 25 years, we are proud to present

a line-up that reflects the evolution of our sound, culture and Caribbean identity."



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# Night One: Fire & Foundation — Friday, October 24

A tribute to the pioneers and powerhouses who helped shape Caribbean music:

- Burning Flames (Antigua)
- Midnight Groovers (Dominica)
- Halibut (Dominica)
- Gilles Fontaine (Dominica)
- Nu Look (Haiti/USA)
- Romain Virgo (Jamaica)
- Oswald (St. Maarten)
- TK International (Dominica)
- Steel Pulse (UK/Jamaica)

### Night Two: Creole Carnival — Saturday, October 25

A pulsating showcase of Creole expression and cross-Caribbean energy:

- Asa Bantan (Dominica)
- WCK (Dominica)
- The Bouyon Assembly (*Dominica*: Rohie, Ridge, Pudaz, Kenny G, Quan, DJ MJ, Little Boy, Faithi "Bouyon Barbie," and Ebony Empress; *Guadeloupe*: Jixels and Shanika)
- First Serenade Band (Dominica)
- Gordon Henderson (Dominica)
- Ophelia Marie (Dominica)
- Lynford John (Dominica)
- Joé Dwét Filé (Haiti/France)
- Kes The Band (Trinidad & Tobago)
- Spice (Jamaica)
- Vybez Kartel (Jamaica)

## Night Three: The Grand Finale — Sunday, October 26

A world-class close featuring regional icons and international chart-toppers:

- Tiwa Savage (Nigeria)
- Bunji Garlin & Fay-Ann Lyons (Trinidad & Tobago)
- Extasy Band (Dominica)
- Ezra "Da Fun Machine" (St. Lucia)
- Kassav (Guadeloupe & Martinique)



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- Michele Henderson (Dominica)
- Elisha Benoit (Dominica)
- Trilla G (Dominica)
- Nice (Dominica)
- Reo (Dominica)
- Shelly & Signal Band (Dominica)

The World Creole Music Festival, first held in 1997, has grown into one of the Caribbean's leading cultural events. It celebrates Creole music in all its forms—zouk, bouyon, kompa, reggae, dancehall, soca, afrobeat, and more—while promoting regional unity and artistic innovation.

Fans, visitors and culture enthusiasts are encouraged to plan an extended stay—whether for a few days or a full two weeks—to soak in the festival atmosphere, enjoy fringe events before and after the main stage performances, explore Dominica's breathtaking attractions and experience its warm island hospitality.

For more information and ticket purchases, visit <u>www.dominicafestivals.com</u> and follow Dominica Festivals on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn for ongoing updates and exclusive festival content.

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### About Dominica

Dominica (pronounced Dom-in-EEK-a) is located in the Eastern Caribbean, nestled between Guadeloupe to the north and Martinique to the south. Air travelers can reach Dominica directly from Miami via American Airlines and from New Jersey via United Airlines. Regional connections are available through InterCaribbean Airways, Sunrise Airways, WINAIR and LIAT 2020, Caribbean Airlines from hubs such as Antigua, Barbados, Guadeloupe, St. Maarten, St. Lucia, the British Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. For those traveling by sea, the RFS Express des Iles ferry service connects Dominica with Guadeloupe, Martinique, and St. Lucia.

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