



BERNIE HOPKINS - BIOGRAPHY

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Music came to Bernie Hopkins from an early age. His musical journey began when he was gifted a keyboard as a child, which quickly became an obsession. Bernie's love of reggae is deeply rooted in his family and upbringing. His father grew up in a family where reggae music was constantly playing. Bernie was exposed to far more than the mainstream sounds of Bob Marley and UB40, discovering artists such as John Holt, Ken Boothe, U-Roy, Gregory Isaacs, Third World and Steel Pulse. His musical world later expanded to include Inner Circle, Chaka Demus & Pliers, Snow, Bitty McLean, Apache Indian, and many more. Bernie formed a connection with reggae and believes there is no other music that reaches the emotions and soul quite as deeply.

Bernie is a versatile, self-contained musician who can sing while fluently playing bass guitar. He also plays rhythm guitar, drums and keyboards. On stage, Bernie will sing, whilst sometimes playing the bass or guitar as he sings. He enjoys the stage, taking every opportunity to perform in clubs, pubs, festivals or tours.

Given the opportunity, Bernie would love to record with reggae and dancehall artists such as Tarrus Riley, Sean Paul and Jah Cure. And if any dream was possible, then with John Holt, Ken Boothe, Bob Marley or Morgan Heritage. His goal is for reggae to help him spread love, joy, awareness and help people to find greater inner peace. Bernie hopes his music will help free the world from racism, poverty, violence and division.

Away from performing, Bernie enjoys the creative freedom of writing and recording music. Ultimately, his greatest hope is to inspire the younger generation through music and positive values. He wants today's youth to become more open to connecting with one another, recognising the beauty in the world around them and understanding their ability to make a positive difference. Reggae has the power to heal, unite and spread positive messages. Through reggae, Bernie Hopkins aims to uplift all and help make the world a better place.