

# Ja-born film-maker happy to sign deal with Caribbean One TV

Published: Wednesday | May 5, 2021 | 12:28 AM [Yasmine Peru/Senior Gleaner Writer](#)

Caribbean One TV, a US-based media platform which offers premium quality Caribbean-oriented content, will air the premier of two rare documentaries Thursday, May 6, on Caribbean and Jamaican music. The documentaries, **“It All Started With The Drums,”** and **“JAMMIN’ IN JAMAICA—With The Mystic Revelation of Rastafari”**, have been acquired by Caribbean One TV for their streaming and video on demand platforms.

Written, produced and directed by Jamaican born American filmmaker and novelist **Julian “Jingles” Reynolds**, CEO of the New York based, **Fiwi Productions**, the 60-minute documentaries, offer some insights into the music, people and culture of the Caribbean region.



“It All Started With The Drums” was commissioned in 1987 by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, and produced and released by Fiwi Productions.

**“It All Started With The Drums”** was commissioned in 1987 by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, and produced and released by Fiwi Productions. The documentary looks at the different styles of Caribbean music; merengue, calypso, mento, ska, reggae, compass, and zouk, and features some of the great performers, such as the late calypsonians Lord Kitchener and Shadow, The Wailers, Owen Grey, the late Roland Alphanso of the Skatalites, pan man Ken “the Professor” Philmore, and New York based cultural rapper Sister Carol.

Caribbean One TV CEO Victor Lewis, in expressing his delight at having the documentary, which has not been aired for several years, and now available said: “It was a great joy to have these cultural gems available on the CTV1 platforms.”



“Jammin’ in Jamaica” was done in 1996 in association with the Mystic Revelation of Rastafari and Phase 3.

**“JAMMIN’ IN JAMAICA”** released in 1996, looks at the world renowned group of Rastafari musicians, Count Ossie and the Mystic Revelation of Rastafari (MRR), and their staging of a concert in Kingston to raise funds to rebuild their basic school and community center in Rockfort, east Kingston, which was destroyed by Hurricane Gilbert in 1988. The concert brought together the late Roland “Pops” Alphanso and “Dizzy” Johnny Moore, two of the original members of the world renowned Skatalites band that gave birth to ska music in Kingston, in the early 1960s.

The MRR was formed in 1970 by the master drummer the late Count Ossie, Rastafari elder, the late Ras Sam Clayton, and the late Cedric “Im” Brooks, tenor saxophonist. The band plays a fusion of African influenced Rastafari drumming, jazz, and reggae.

The documentary has aired on television in U.S. markets, Africa, the Caribbean, and Europe. Highlights include a performance by Rita Marley, widow of the reggae icon Bob Marley; and a rare appearance of the legendary music producer from Studio One Records, the late Clement “Coxsone” Dodd. The film is a production of Fiwi Productions, in association with the Mystic Revelation of Rastafari, and Phase 3 Productions, and produced by Mr. Reynolds who co-directed with the late Richard “Pardy” Forbes of Phase 3 Productions.

Patrons may download on the Caribbean One Over The Top (OTT) platform to experience music concerts, films, television dramas, and comedies on their 24hours a day, seven days a week **Linear Streaming** and **Video On Demand** platforms. Available on all [mobile](#) devices from Google Play Store, Apple Store, on Apple TV, [Roku](#), stream it on your smart television at [www.caribbeanonetv.com](http://www.caribbeanonetv.com).



Film-maker and novelist Julian ‘Jingles’ Reynolds, CEO of the New York-based Fiwi Productions

**CONTACT:**

Maxine J. Brown  
**For Fiwi Productions in Jamaica**  
876-830-1192  
[mjbrown@cwjamaica.com](mailto:mjbrown@cwjamaica.com)

Shaka Reynolds  
**Fiwi Productions**  
Bronx, NY 10473  
Tel: 914-412-2726  
[fiwipro@yahoo.com](mailto:fiwipro@yahoo.com)

Victor Lewis  
**Caribbean One TV Network**  
24 Commerce Street, Suite 1002  
Newark, New Jersey, 07102  
Telephone: (862) 772-1805  
Mobile (347) 866-5427  
[caribbean1tv@gmail.com](mailto:caribbean1tv@gmail.com)