



**JAMAICA CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION'S  
SCHEDULE OF NATIONAL EVENTS**

## J.C.D.C's CALENDAR OF MAIN NATIONAL EVENTS



JULY 2012				
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	DESCRIPTION
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Rt. Excellent Norman Manley - Floral Tribute	National Heroes Park	The usual Floral Tribute involving state and other officials.
	11:00 am	Rt. Excellent Norman Manley – Civic Ceremony	Roxborough, Manchester	This Civic Ceremony is organized jointly by the JCDC and the Manchester Parish Council.
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 pm	Jamaica Festival Song Competition (Finals)	National Arena	The culmination of the Jamaica Festival Song Competition with participants drawn from across the island. The winner will be determined.
Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm	Visual Arts Opening and Awards Reception	National Gallery of Jamaica	The annual National Visual Arts Competition & Exhibition features entries in photography, sculpture, painting, drawings, fine arts and attracts participations from adults and youth, professionals and amateurs. For the past five years it is stage as a joint initiative between the JCDC and the National Gallery of Jamaica. The exhibition will remain opened for the period (July 9 – August 11).
	7:00 pm	Jamaica Gospel Song Competition (Finals)	National Arena	The culmination of the Jamaica Gospel Song Competition with participants drawn from across the island. The winner will be determined.
9 <sup>TH</sup> – 28 <sup>TH</sup>		<b>BEST OF FESTIVAL</b>	National Indoor Sports Centre	<b>SEE ATTACHED/BELOW FOR DETAILS</b>
Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 pm	Miss Jamaica Festival Queen Competition	National Indoor Sports Centre	The culmination of the Miss Jamaica Festival Queen Competition with the coronation of Miss Jamaica Festival Queen 2012.
Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	National Thanksgiving Services	Holy Trinity Cathedral 1-3 George Headley Drive, Kingston 4	An ecumenical Thanksgiving Services commemorating and opening the Independence Week Celebrations.
Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Emancipation Jubilee *	Seville, St. Ann	This is an annual event staged by the Jamaica National Heritage Trust (JNHT) in commemoration of Emancipation. It features traditional foods, music and dance. A family oriented even.
AUGUST 2012				
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	DESCRIPTION
Aug 1- 6	8 pm	Street Dances	All Parishes	Street dances will be held at strategic locations each night (a total of

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Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup>	12:00 noon	<b>Jubilee Village Opened</b>	Independence Park ( <b>Stadium Grounds</b> )	The traditional 'Augus Fair' will be staged during the days followed by a big stage show each night.
	8:00 pm	<b>Reggae Night</b>	Golden Jubilee Village ( <b>Stadium Grounds</b> )	A big Reggae Concert featuring some of the Country's most outstanding reggae & dancehall artistes.
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 pm	<b>Mello Go Roun'</b>	National Indoor Sports Centre	The premier festival family show featuring the best of the best in the Performing Arts.
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 pm	<b>Jamaica Praise</b>	Golden Jubilee Village ( <b>Stadium Grounds</b> )	Gospel & Praise Dance Concert
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 pm	<b>World Reggae Dance Championship</b>	National Indoor Sports Centre	The finals in the very popular Dance Championship followed by a party time.
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	Parish Thanksgiving Services	All Parishes	Independence Thanksgiving Services to be held in all parishes.
	8:00 pm	<b>Independence Nostalgia</b>	Golden Jubilee Village	Show featuring the <i>Greats</i> of Festival Song over the years along with other popular vintage Jamaican artistes.
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Flag Raising Ceremonies	All Parish Capitals	Civic ceremony in all parish capitals including all local officials.
	5:30 pm	<b>Independence Grand Gala</b>	National Stadium	The main event of the year. A spectacular event! Featuring the Ceremonial Arrival of the Country's state officials.
	10:00 pm	Independence Street Dance	Half Way Tree Square	This main street dance will climax a total of 50 street dances across the island between August 1 & 6.
	1:00 pm	Western Jamaica Independence Street Parade	Streets of Montego Bay	The <i>Western Jamaica Independence Celebrations</i> is a Gala affair with several segments that brings colour and vibrancy to the second city – Montego Bay. Dances, parades of uniformed groups, marching bands and a major concert featuring local and international Reggae artistes are but a few of the many exciting features. In 2011 the Western Gala attracted over 20,000 patrons.
	5:00 pm	Western Jamaica Independence Gala	Montego Bay Waterfront (Dump-Up Beach)	
	8:00 pm	Independence Stage Shows & Street Dances	All Parishes Island Wide	Stage shows & street dances island-wide in each parish capital and other principal towns.
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m.	Floral Tribute to Right Excellent Marcus Garvey, National Hero	National Heroes Park, Kingston	The usual Floral Tribute involving state and other officials

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### BEST OF FESTIVAL SERIES (NATIONAL FINALS OF THE PERFORMING ARTS 2012)

SUBJECT AREA	DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Deaf Dance Fest	Mon	July 9	10:00am – 3:00pm	National Indoor Sports Centre
Dance Fest			6:00pm – 9:30pm	
Dance Fest	Tues	July 10	10:00am – 3:00pm	
			6:00pm – 9:30pm	
Dance Fest	Wed	July 11	10:00am – 3:00pm	
			6:00pm – 9:30pm	
Dance Fest	Thur	July 12	10:00am – 3:00pm	
			6:00pm – 9:30pm	
Traditional Folk Forms Fest	Fri	July 13	10:00am – 3:00pm	
			6:00pm – 9:30pm	
Dance Fest	Sat	July 14	10:00am – 3:00pm	
			6:00pm – 9:30pm	
Music Fest	Sun	July 15	4:00pm – 7:30pm	
Music Fest	Mon	July 16	10:00am – 3:00pm	
			6:00pm – 9:30pm	
Speech Fest	Tues	July 17	10:00am – 3:00pm	
			6:00pm – 9:30pm	
Traditional Folk Forms	Wed	July 18	10:00am – 3:00pm	
			6:00pm – 9:30pm	
Traditional Folk Forms	Thur	July 19	10:00am – 3:00pm	
			6:00pm – 9:30pm	

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SUBJECT AREA	DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Dance Fest	Fri	July 20	10:00am – 3:00pm	<b>National Indoor Sports Centre</b>
			6:00pm – 9:30pm	
Drama Fest	Mon	July 23	10:00am – 3:00pm	
			6:00pm – 9:30pm	
Drama Fest	Tues	July 24	10:00am – 3:00pm	
			6:00pm – 9:30pm	
Speech Fest	Wed	July 25	10:00am – 3:00pm	
			6:00pm – 9:30pm	
Speech Fest	Thur	July 26	10:00am – 3:00pm	
			6:00pm – 9:30pm	
Speech Fest	Fri	July 27	10:00am – 3:00pm	
			6:00pm – 9:30pm	
Drum Fest	Sat	July 28	4:00pm – 6:00pm	The Band Stand Hope Gardens

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