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GEAR UP

Have you looked at the world lately? It is changing and fast. A.I. technologies are developing at remarkable speeds, 100% cashless transactions are becoming more of a reality thanks to increasing global acceptance of crypto currencies and Dominica will soon have a new president after 10 years.

Where are you? Do you find yourself riding the waves of the millennium or are you chilling in quicksand and sinking slowly in your comfort zone? Well it's time to embrace change, quit the idling and allow your life's engine to rotate at a higher speed while maintaining lower engine revolutions per minute; aka: gear up.

New and exciting things are unfolding, and you've got to shift that gear stick so you don't get left behind. We've geared up too with this new publication of our Gen- U- In Talk Magazine after our last release back in 2022. This comeback magazine is jam packed with exciting new features, familiar faces, business tips and a new column fresh off the press, just for you.

Thanks for being here and supporting our magazine. It's all about you, the fans. Sit tight, strap your seat belts on and let's drive right into issue no. 9 of our Gen- U- In Talk e - magazine, **'GEAR UP.'**

KUBULIBAD

EXCLUSIVE

'Generation Y Dominica has the scoop on **KubuliBAD**, a recent addition to Dominica's music industry that is becoming well - known.

KubuliBAD is an industry initiative that unifies local music engineers, producers, artists and DJ's under one umbrella, to work together toward this common goal - **Taking Dominica's music forward in all the top genres –Bouyon, Dancehall, Soca, Afro beats, Hip Hop etc.**

KubuliBAD aims to ensure that Dominica has sound footing in the international market as a producer of the various genres of music.



Record label 'G -Rated' was the first to produce a compilation for the brand called '**Ghetto Voice Riddim.**' The riddim featured 32 Dominican artists from home and abroad, showcasing their skills in the Dancehall genre.

Other riddim compilations released to date are – '**Too much talk**', '**Sweetness**', '**Countdown**' and '**Cool Vibes**' Riddim.

KubuliBAD is the brainchild of Fari Winston of G-Rated Studios, DeeJay Smoove and Michael 'Archangel' Lee, who saw a need for bringing together a network of industry members for the sake of guaranteeing that Dominica's final music product met international standards.

Look out for this authentic brand. Generation Y Dominica will keep you in the loop. ⌘



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Sounds of Summer





05 Summer Festivals That'll Surely Make A Splash For 2023

Summer 2023 is pretty much here. Have you planned your vacation yet? 2022 left most of us indoors due to scarcity of flights and world pandemics. This means that this year's vacation has got to be bigger & better.

SOUNDS OF SUMMER

What's better than including a music festival on your awesome itinerary of fun things to do during your summer vacation? Here are our top 5 Summer festivals for 2023.

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SOUNDS OF SUMMER

05 SUMMER FESTIVALS THAT'LL SURELY MAKE A SPLASH FOR 2023

Before we begin, we must make mention of the success of Dominica's Jazz & Music Festival. Although not a part of the Summer agenda (The Jazz festival was held back in April 2023 at the historic Cabrits National Park), this music festival put together by the Discover Dominica Authority was a huge success for 2023. Okay, let's go!

1. ST. KITTS MUSIC FESTIVAL

St. Kitts's annual music festival is definitely on the list of exciting festival for this summer. The renowned music festival hosted from June 22 -24 2023 promises to deliver a spectacular event and performances by some top artists like Burna Boy, Chronixx, Dexta Dapps, Byron Messia & more.

2. ROMA SUMMER FEST

This highlighted music event is quite popular and hosts many national and international artist annually. Roma Summer Fest 2023 will take place during the months of June, July, August and September, in the beautiful, historic city of Rome.

Concerts will be held at the Cavea amphitheater, the main venue of the Auditorium Parco della Musica.



Dominica Jazz & creole 2023



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3. LOLLAPALOOZA, CHICAGO USA

If you love American Music and a bit of wild fun then it's got to be Lollapalooza. Lollapalooza features a diverse lineup of artists from various genres, including rock, alternative, pop, hip-hop, electronic music and more. Over the years, Lollapalooza has become known for its eclectic mix of artists, creating a vibrant and dynamic atmosphere. This year the festival will kick off from August 3rd - 6th and will show case artists like Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish & more on its 2023 line up.



4. CROP OVER FESTIVAL BARBADOS

Barbados's popular crop over festival will be back to light up the Caribbean from August 7th -14th 2023. Crop Over has its roots in the 1780s when the sugarcane industry was a major part of the island's economy. Workers would gather to celebrate the end of the harvest season with music, dancing and feasting. Over time, this celebration evolved into the modern-day Crop Over festival. You can expect the usual display of Calypso, Soca music, culture, colorful costumes at the Grand Kadooment parade and more.



5. FUJI ROCK FESTIVAL

The Fuji Rock Festival is one of Japan's number one internationally acclaimed music festivals. The festival showcases a diverse lineup of artists spanning various genres, including rock, alternative, indie, electronic, hip-hop and more. International acts as well as renowned Japanese musicians take the stage, offering a diverse musical experience to attendees. Headliners for this year's festival are Foo Fighters, Lizzo and The Strokes. The festival will be held in Tokyo at the Naeba Ski Resort, from July 28th - 30th 2023.

DON'T Stress

A BRAND NEW COLUMN

**I NEED
COFFEE!**

**WHERE IS THE
LOVE?**

**SURVIVING THE
MILLENNIUM**

2023

**DOWN WITH
GLOBAL
WARMING**



PRACTICAL LIFESTYLE TIPS FOR OUR GENERATION

Do you feel lost sometimes like you're a drifting ship with no sail in the deep blue sea of modern life? Don't stress!

Our new column will teach you how 'not' to stress about life. From essential lifestyle tips to Millennium hacks and everyday guidance, we've got you covered.

We're bringing to you the 'real deal', simple & modern methods to help you get back in tune with life's rolling waves and debunk stress for good.

Let's get started!



INTRO

SAY 'I DO' TO YOU

SELF- LOVE. THE KEY TO A GREAT START

It's time to say 'I do'. We're not talking about tying the knot. We congratulate the ones who already have tied the knot, but for those who haven't don't worry too much. There's no deadline or right age to find love and settle down so you can gear up slowly until you get there.

We're speaking about another kind of 'I do' here. That is, saying 'I do' to you and loving yourself fully.

Self-love is the first step to becoming a better you and a better you can gracefully leap over those stress zones of life. Self - love will give you the confidence to do so.

Before you go forward with reading, you should know that it's time to drop the self - sabotage and the 'woulda, coulda, shouldas'. It's time to love yourself again and say 'I do' to you.

BREAKING THE MYTH

SELF - LOVE IS NOT BEING SELFISH.

Self - love and the act of being selfish could be considered distant cousins, but they're not exactly the same. Yes, self-love does mean prioritizing and pouring into yourself, but being selfish has a harsher spin. According to Oxford languages, the word 'selfish' means 'lacking consideration for other people; concerned chiefly with one's own personal profit or pleasure.'

Self - love is learning to accept yourself, love yourself and do every good deed necessary to create a better you; loving yourself fully without neglecting to care for others in the process.



WHERE DO I BEGIN?

We know it might be difficult for some of you if this is a first-time conversation. If you don't know where to start with this new self-love agenda, the following 5 tips will start the ignition.



5 Start - Up Tips To Grow Self - Love

1. MAKE A LIST OF ALL THE THINGS YOU LIKE ABOUT YOU

Everyone likes something about themselves. It could be a quality, skill, talent, feature etc. Learn to celebrate the little things you're happy with about you. This creates a 'feel good' feeling that drives you to add more to the list!

2. ENHANCE YOUR APPEARANCE

It may be time to update your look, take more time with your appearance or change your look completely. This creates a spur of confidence that makes your self-love goals even more achievable.

3. SET NEW GOALS

One sure way to fall in love with yourself is to set new goals and achieve them. You can start with small goals. Is there something you've always wanted to do or try? Why not go for it.

4. DON'T COMPARE YOURSELF TO ANYONE

Thanks to social media, it's easy to look at the fabulous lives of friends and strangers and compare it to your own. But that's not healthy and can actually work against your self confidence. Focus on the ways that you can make your own life fabulous and minimize your obsession with the ones of others.

5. SPEAK TO YOURSELF WITH KINDNESS

You've got nothing to lose and everything to gain from being your own cheerleader. It's time to cut the sabotaging mantras that you repeat in your mind daily and try saying a kinder word or two to yourself instead. For example, instead of saying "I'm such a klutz!" you could say, "My balance sure has improved since high school!"

END OF INTRO

DON'T Stress

ABOUT YOUR SALARY



Now that you've got step one down which is self - love. We can roll into this first edition's lifestyle management tip, **'Making your salary work for you'**.

It's officially mid - way 2023. A lot's happened since we last clinked our glasses at New Year's Eve.

2023 in hindsight so far has brought us a few surprises worth mentioning:

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Famous rapper Kanye West remarried : The celebrity rapper reportedly tied the knot back in January 2023 with Bianca Censori, an architectural designer at his company 'Yeezy.'



Photo Credit: meaww.com



Photo Credit: Nature Isle News

Dominica wins a gold medal. The Nature Island registered its first gold medal at the 5th ALBA Games in Venezuela and achieved more than 4 medals overall at the games.

Barbadian born international song star & 9 time Grammy winner Rihanna gave a memorable performance at the 2023 Superbowl.



Photo Credit: BBC

ChatGPT breaks records on the internet: A.I. (artificial intelligence) has become more than science fiction and is rapidly gaining acceptance as a potential key player in the near future thanks to ChatGpt. For those who haven't caught on yet, ChatGPT is an artificial intelligence bot developed by OpenAI. It is capable of understanding human speech and producing in-depth writing that is easily understood by humans. Uses of the online bot so far include answering questions, generating codes, writing stories, poems, assisting with research and research papers etc. According to statistics, ChatGPT had generated more than 57 million users in the first month after its launch in November 2022 and had more than 100 million users as of January 2023, making it the fastest-growing consumer application in a short period of time.



Photo Credit: CNN

Céline Dion supporters started a protest outside of Rolling Stone's New York City offices for not including her on their list of the 200 greatest singers.

*Column written by Dilma Bastien
& Contributor Andrea Louis*

So far, there have definitely been some very entertaining highlights happening as we approach the summer months. But you know what's not happening as much as we'd like - salary increases. Meanwhile globally, the prices of food, shipping, gas and the overall cost of living have skyrocketed everywhere.

In the U.S for example, according to the USDA (US department of agriculture), the all-items Consumer Price Index (CPI), a measure of economy-wide inflation, rose by 0.3 percent from April 2023 to May 2023 and was up 4.0 percent from May 2022. The CPI for all food increased 0.2 percent from April 2023 to May 2023, and food prices were 6.7 percent higher than back in May 2022.

It's no secret that the 15th and the 30th (pay day) conjures up mixed emotions. It's sort of like that feeling you get when using a dating app to meet potential matches for the first time. You always start off excited, but it gets weird quickly.



The reality is that even if pay day means a fuller wallet for a couple of weeks, the bill statements quickly follow. By now we all know that the bills do not go away on their own and as a matter of fact, some have been on an upward climb since 2023 started. Blaming the pandemic or the current war between Russia & Ukraine definitely helps no one. Generation Y needs solutions.

Luckily, we've got you covered.

DON'T STRESS

Here are some practical tips for our generation on how you can make your salary work for you.



Save a dollar a day or more. It's high time to toss out that worn out complaint - "I can't save a dollar in this economy." We do not add any fluff when we say that times are challenging, and inflation is real, but do not repeat that mantra thinking that this is going to be heard by the money gods who will then proceed to switch things around and land some mysterious bundles of cash on your door step. It's up to you to try to save – even if it's only a little. Be serious about it too and prioritize it at the end of every month, no matter what the amount. While the increased cost of living may not allow you to save as much as you'd like, saving even a dollar a day is a good attempt to build some savings before your salary disappears.



Recognize your spending problem areas. Not many of us do personal & home budgets but we should. Budgeting is not a tiresome chore and is not only for businesses. It can be done for personal spending and actually helps, although it may be uncomfortable at first. Take note of all the ways that you spend money (groceries, household expenses, leisure etc.) and record your expenses weekly for each category. You'd be surprised to see week over week how much you spend and what you spend your income on. This can help you to identify your real spending problem areas, so that you can apply more discipline where needed to save a dollar or two. The good news is that you do not need any complicated software to handle your spending tracking. There are apps like PocketGaurd, Wally, Goodbudget and many others that you can download on your mobile devices to use on the go and quickly generate simple reports. You can't know where you're going if you have no idea where you are to begin with. Track your spending to see where your high spending areas are and can cut back where necessary.



Intentionally set money aside for leisure activities. We may not be fully paying attention to this, but apart from mandatory expenses like rent, bills, etc. a lot of our spending is emotional. Emotional spending also called impulse spending is buying something you may not need, to ease your emotions. These emotions could range from stress and sadness to happiness and celebration. These types of emotions are common, 'every day' emotions and it's easy to find yourself in a cycle of spending past your limit without realizing it, in efforts to 'feel better'.

Spending on leisure is a great way to enjoy a hard-earned income, but doing so on a whim is the quickest way to lose it. The trick is to intentionally set money aside for leisure activities at a fixed budget every month. You work hard and you do deserve to spend on leisure. Have cash set aside to be used for the purpose of leisure experiences only and cap it at a desired limit so when it's done it's done; simply look forward to the next month. Go ahead and enjoy your hard earned income - responsibly.



Invest in something. Earning monetary rewards from someone else's business idea is a wonderful thing. Invest in something - anything. Launching your own start up business to earn extra income takes dedicated time and effort, which many do not have. But there are a lot of other start-ups looking for investors, existing businesses looking to expand or many other investment opportunities out there.

For instance, do you know how many aspiring artists are looking for people to invest in their music career? (Can someone say royalties).

There could be huge financial returns from investing in a rising star. If the artist becomes a success you may earn financial returns in the form of royalties, revenue generated from music sales, streaming, live performances, merchandise, endorsements, and licensing deals. As the artist's popularity and success grows, the value of your investment also increases.

Whichever investment opportunity suits you, don't turn a blind eye toward investing. It is an exciting way to employ a small piece of your earnings in a way that could benefit you directly, earning you future monetary rewards.



Invest in your own dreams. For those who have the entrepreneurial spirit and dream about bringing their own visions of success to life, but are also stuck doing a 9 to 5, your salary can actually work for you too. While you may not have the full commitment of time or resources to commit to building your grand dream at this time or the courage to drop your day job just yet, there's something you can do in the meantime. Research, plan, document and set small goals toward accomplishing your dreams. Launching your own business successfully will not be an overnight manifestation. It takes all the aforementioned steps (and more). Research, planning and documentation can happen in the free time around your 9-5 and allocating a bit of your salary each month toward your success goals can be used for putting things in place like purchasing the tools for your dream business, building startup capital and a lot more. There's no better way to make your salary work for you than investing it toward attaining your own dreams.



Exercise gratitude. What is your attitude toward your salary? Do you express gratitude every time you collect it? Or do you overwhelm your thoughts with how it will be spent and complain that it's not enough without a second thought of gratitude. Adopting an attitude of gratitude can only bring benefits and contentment to its practitioners. Thanks to two years of lockdown, many of us have stumbled over one 'Law of attraction' YouTube video or another. And for those who haven't, we'll tell you what it is. The Law of attraction is a known universal principle that says that you will attract into your life, whatever you focus on. Meaning whatever you give your energy and attention to is what will come back to you. So change that attitude to one of thankfulness and an outpour of abundance just may surprisingly follow.

The above tips are helpful and practical for anyone who desires real change. They may not get you to your 'first million' by 2025, but you will see changes like actual savings, financial growth and a happier and more successful you for 2023 & beyond.



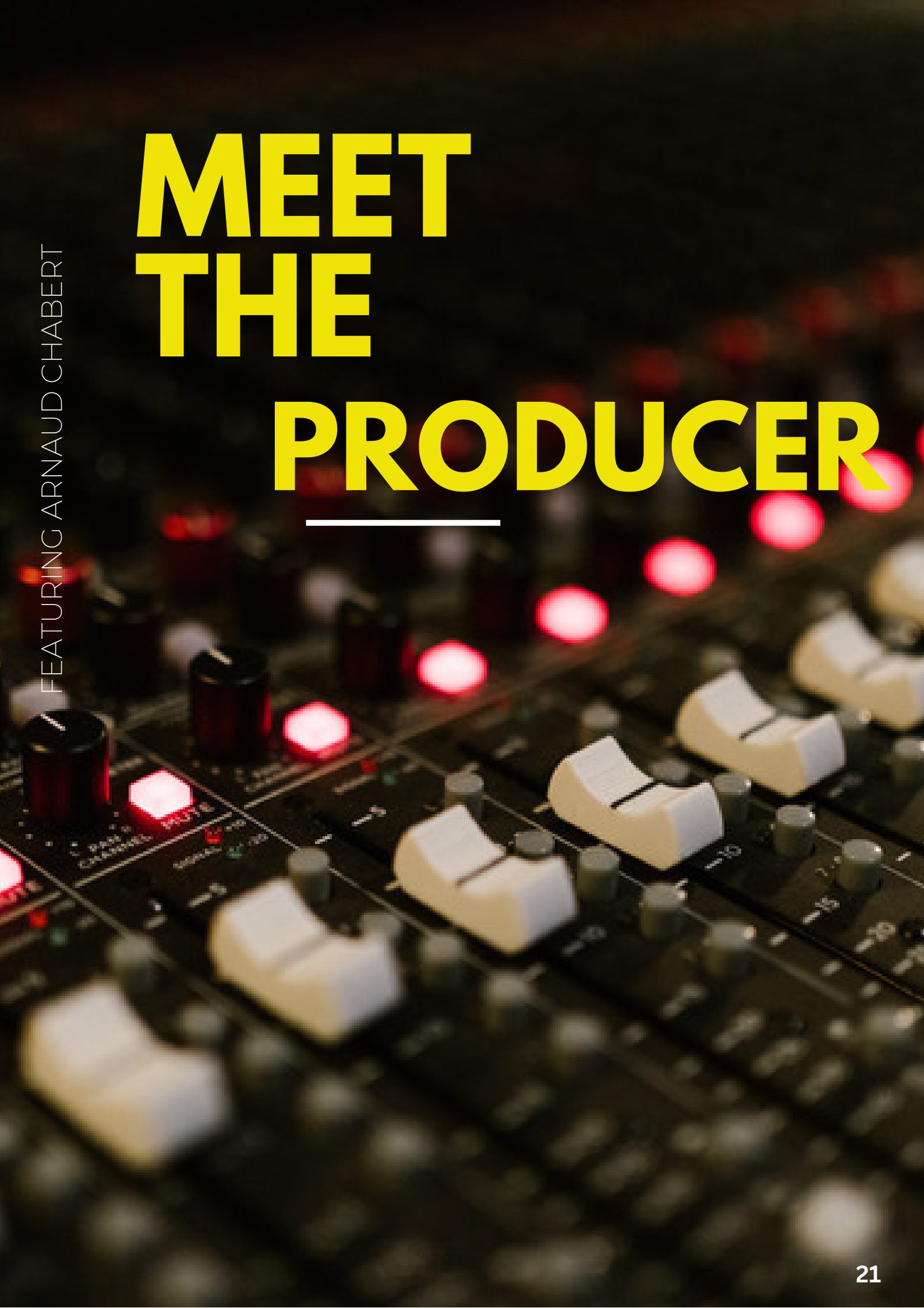


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FEATURING ARNAUD CHABERT

MEET THE PRODUCER



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WITH ARNAUD CHABERT

Welcome to another segment of 'Meet The Producer,' where we introduce you to the music producers from The Nature Island. This is where our fans get a chance to know the talent, the mind and the person behind the hottest sounds.

Introducing **Arnaud Chabert**, the producer behind 'Cave muzik'.

ABOUT

Arnaud Chabert aka: Cave, is no unfamiliar name in the music industry and has worked with several local and international artists such as **Lutan fire, Selah Sue, Ilements, Kalihi, Lyrique Joseph, Mopo Neck, Fuego Dinero and more.**

Born Dominican, he left at the age of 11 and returned 20 years later to his home island. Music became his passion during the years spent away & his musical journey expanded while he lived in France.

THE SOUND



Cave Muzik Arnaud's signature sound, **studio name & brand** is well known to many. But, where did all get started? We sat down with Arnaud, to tell us a little bit more about the origins of Cave Muzik and his distinct style as a producer.

"This all started about 10 years ago in an actual cave. When I started engineering school I moved back to the family property and my father is a man of the church and has a chapel within that same property. Because of this, I had to find a place where I could practice without 'disturbing the peace'. As you can imagine the reggae dance hall doesn't mix too well with the catholic church. As for my producing style, I can only do me and that's the beauty of us as individuals. I started off in music as a vocal artist and as time passed by, I realized that one of the most powerful things in the musical world is collaboration. This trait of my personality took me naturally into production; not to mention that I'm a rather low-key type, so being behind the scenes suited me as well.

As a producer my main focus is the song. I always had more consideration for the record rather than the instrumental itself. So many hits have been made with just one instrument and a voice. I always saw my role as a silent shadow that pushes the artist to his or her creative threshold. It's not about telling the artist what to do nor how to do what he or she wants, it's about giving them the tools to get the best out of them."

FAVS

Every producer has produced work that is most special to him or her and there are others who have a variety of favorites. Generation Y Dominica asked the producer “Do you have a favorite?” The response was pretty much ‘No favs; it’s all love.’ Or in his own words,

“Honestly, I've been on all types of projects in all sorts of areas from films to documentaries and obviously musical ones too. So it's very hard to answer that question, but one thing I love about my job is that it takes place in an environment that is constantly changing, so you never stop learning.”

One of our own favs from Cave Musik is the Big Loxx EP by Kalihi which ranked #1 on our playlist and was featured in issue No. 3 of our Gen - U - In Talk E- Magazine.



RECENT PROJECTS

Cave Musik has been the background engineer behind a few awesome projects that have already lit fire on the air waves. This includes:

Red alert riddim’ featuring Ilements, Lutan Fayah & Kalihi.

This project came from Earthquake Family Production and was lead by Ilements an artist from St Martin who took charge of the production of this one riddim project. The riddim was composed by Asha D, head of Artikal crew from Montpellier (south of France) and brought together artists from Jamaica, St Martin, Belgium and of course the Nature Island Dominica.

At the time of the interview, Arnaud also shared with Generation Y that more great stuff was in the pipelines as he was currently working with Ilements on an upcoming EP, commenting:

"This project has a twist to it, you see I always wanted to fuse a hard-core reggae vrb with what I do today as a beat maker and Ilements made this possible for the Cave. I wanted to work with someone that had a solid reggae background for this type of project and an upcoming international artist like Ilements that has worked with people like Sizzla, Jah Mason and Queen Omega was just what I was looking for.."

Other exciting collaborations & new releases:

'Spaceman' by SupaLyne, TruShatt



<https://youtu.be/le3L-N5NJlo>

'Real gladiator' by Ilements



<https://youtu.be/XI0vvMChCyA>

'Stupidity' by Ilements



<https://youtu.be/tFr65LfQYuQ>

'Pun A Road' by Kalihi



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_LJhTYs4kY

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WITH ARNAUD CHABERT

THOUGHTS FOR THE FUTURE & A WORD FOR THE GENERATIONS

Generation Y Dominica wants to thank the producer of Cave Muzik for this exclusive insight into his artistic life.

Ofcourse, we could not let Arnaud leave his sit down with Generation Y, without leaving a note for this aspiring generation, to which he said in closing:

“ I know we will touch the stars and beyond, it's just a matter of time. I pray that a real industry is created in Dominica very soon, so that artists in all aspects (audio, visual, etc.) can make an actual living with the skills that they have invested in and mastered over many years. I would really love to see the artists also boom to a point that we could actually contribute to our local economy like islands such as Jamaica and Trinidad. In the meantime, invest in your art, stay focused at all times and keep on dreaming.”





PUN A
ROAD

Kalihi

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NEW RELEASE

The Gen Y Business Corner

UPDATES JUST FOR US



UPDATES FOR OUR GENERATION

➔ New Innovative Business Ideas From Around the World.

1. Highlighting one game changer and innovative business idea

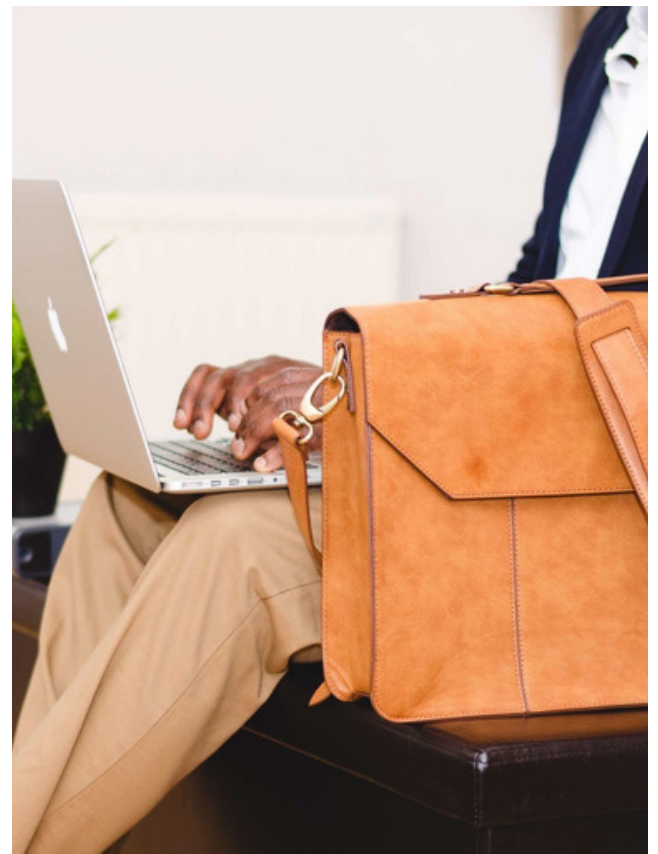
Smart Contracts



Imagine that a contract could execute itself automatically without relying on a person or a third party. That's what a smart contract does. It's like a digital contract that lives on a computer network called a blockchain.

Instead of being written on paper, a smart contract is written in a computer language, like a set of instructions. These instructions are stored on the blockchain and can't be changed once they're there. They are transparent and can be seen by anyone on the network.

This automation makes smart contracts efficient and removes the need for intermediaries, like lawyers or brokers, to oversee and enforce the agreement. It also increases transparency because everyone involved can see the terms of the contract and the actions taken.



➔ New in Crypto Currencies

2. Major Updates from the world of Crypto

Bitcoin (BTC) and other top cryptocurrencies pulled back from 2023 highs in May as the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and other global regulators tightened the screws on digital assets.

Link - <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/crypto-stocks-hit-rout-bulls-201003469.html>

➔ Business & the Environment - Hand in Hand

3. Highlighting an eco friendly business idea that's making waves

Women Hair extensions revolution: BANANA STALK HAIR EXTENSIONS



A start up company in Kenya is making human hair extensions from banana stalks, giving banana farmers an avenue to dispose their stalks.

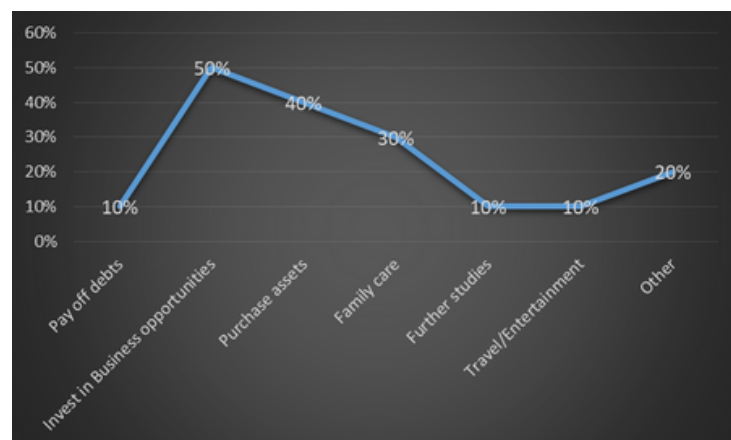
The banana stalk hair extension which is trademarked as 'Dame' meaning young lady, is bio degradable giving it a competitive edge over the synthetic ones which have been blamed for their adverse effects on the environment.

Link - <https://www.fairplanet.org/story/banana-stalk-hair-extension/>

THE GEN Y BUSINESS CORNER

Generation Y Dominica On 'What Would You Do If You Had a Million \$\$\$ Today?'

We asked a cross section of individuals in Generation Y Dominica on the spot and here were the results for the first half of 2023:



Ranking top 3 responses

50% of Gen Y said they would invest in business opportunities
40% said they would purchase assets like homes, vehicles etc.
30% said they would solve their family's financial difficulties

It looks like Gen Y has their eye on some major goals.

A CARIBBEAN
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1 ON 1 WITH
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GET TO KNOW ONE OF ST. LUCIA'S TOP ARTIST ON THE RISE

These days, it's not very common that an artist will aspire to motivate and encourage others with their talent and strive for it relentlessly. It's almost as rare as the occasion of a planetary alignment. But the artists who do are the gems of the world. We found St. Lucia's hidden gem
Don Rene Lucien aka: Donaton legend.

Please enjoy this '**1 on 1 interview**' special from Generation Y Dominica.

1 ON 1 INTERVIEW SPECIAL





Generation Y Dominica:

Hi Donaton thank you for agreeing to do this interview. Generation Y Dominica came across your social media and we definitely wanted to interview you and feature you in our magazine, where we represent youth and Generation Y

Donaton Legend:

I am very grateful to you all for having me, thanks for featuring me.

Generation Y Dominica:

We see that you are from our sister Caribbean island St.Lucia. Are you born and raised in St. Lucian?

Donaton Legend:

Yes I was born and raised in St. Lucia.

Generation Y Dominica:

How old are you in 2023?

Donaton Legend:

I am 30 years old, I may look young but I'm 30

Generation Y Dominica:

So this means that you are from this generation that we represent; Generation Y born between 1981-1994?

Donaton Legend:

Yes I am from this generation, for sure.

Generation Y Dominica:

Although our platform is called 'Generation Y Dominica' we represent this generation worldwide, including the Caribbean. What is your view on our generation?

Donaton Legend:

I find this generation to be very vulnerable. And, I say vulnerable because we live in a social media realm and it's very influential to the youth. A lot of negative things can go viral and it spreads quickly. So I try my best to make a difference with my music and what I do. And I will make a difference.

Photographs contributed by Donaton legend

Generation Y Dominica:

It's wonderful for us to be interviewing an artist that is so inspiring to others. Tell us about yourself as an artist.

Donaton Legend:

As an artist, I want the world to know that I am here to make a difference. I want to be so different that the world will remember me forever like Tupac. I don't only aspire to gain but to make a difference as an artist. That's my goal; to touch souls with my music.

Generation Y Dominica:

This name that you go by, 'Donaton Legend,' what's the background on it? Why did you choose this name?

Donaton Legend:

The name Donaton Legend has a story. That however is my stage name; my full name is Don Rene Lucien. I'll start with 'Donaton'. This began at school. There was a classmate who would always shout me out as "Donaton," so I just stuck with it. Realizing my talents and being a man of many talents, I always believed in being a legend, so I took it to complete my name.

Generation Y Dominica:

Did you always have dreams of being an artist?

Donaton Legend:

Well no. As I said before I am a man of many talents. So back at school I would dance; I wanted to be a dancer. I never saw myself singing. I was even afraid of singing but look at me now.

Generation Y Dominica:

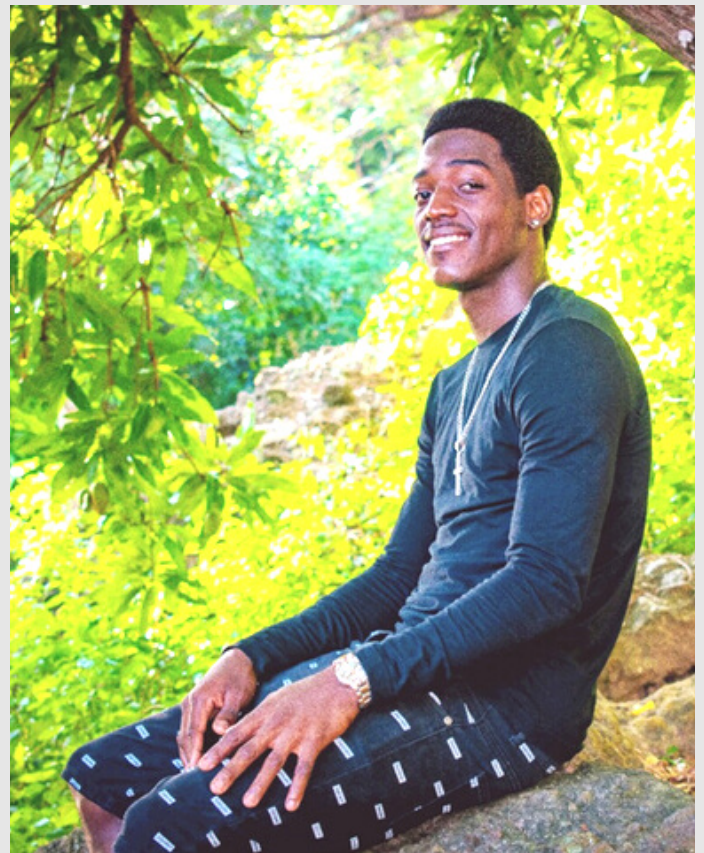
How long have you been a lyrical rapper?

Donaton Legend:

Believe it or not I have been rapping for 14 years.

Generation Y Dominica:

Your social media is pretty phenomenal and not to mention the connection with your fans. We've seen that your most supportive fan base is the youth. Even the lyrics of most of your songs are youth focused and highlight the concerns of youth. What inspires this approach?



Donaton Legend:

When I first started singing, I used to 'clash.' You know, lyrical clash with negative words and this and that. But I would only get feedback from a friend of mine. But when I decided to start targeting the schools and say something positive with my lyrics, I would get calls from the Ministry & government officials. I started getting the right sort of attention and I liked it.



Generation Y Dominica:

What do you hope to achieve from the messages in your music?

Donaton Legend:

I want people who listen to my music to feel the words & understand the message. I want them to say “yow, what this guy is saying is really true!” This is what pushes me.

Generation Y Dominica:

Your videos posted on social media are also fun, inspiring and unique. We love the ones where you become different characters and rap from different points of views. How do you come up with these?

Donaton Legend:

Everything starts in the mind. I just imagine it; the conversation, the characters and I just bring it to life. The mind & the imagination are powerful things.

Generation Y Dominica:

We’ve seen that recently you got to meet and greet with members of the British Royal family. Tell us about that experience and what it was like.

Donaton Legend:

My experience with the royal family is one for the books. I remember back when God sent a message to me through a messenger that he would make a miracle happen in my life. Fast forward, here I was near the prince, taking out pictures, shaking hands and I thought ‘that’s the miracle.’ From prison to shaking the prince’s hands, that’s a massive change. Not anyone would have been invited to meet with the prince. So this was quite an experience for me; this one’s for the books (**The Earl and Countess of Wessex visited St. Lucia in April 2022 to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**).

Generation Y Dominica:

We like to give our viewers a personal touch. We see that you are a proud dad. What is your experience like as a new dad? And, does it inspire your music?

Donaton Legend:

My experience as a new dad has been a joy ride; very fun. When you’re a genuine dad and you really care for your family, that’s just a wonderful feeling. To be honest I haven’t made a song for my kids as yet but they inspire my music. Because of them I need to make it. I want them to say “wow check my dad.” I want to build a foundation for them through music.



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Generation Y Dominica:

Any future plans for Donaton Legend for the rest of 2023 and beyond?

Donaton Legend:

I have some projects working on and I'm very excited. My goal is to go global. People know me for my Facebook/social media and home videos but I plan to take it to another level. I'll keep posting in the meantime for my supporters.

Generation Y Dominica:

As I said we love what you do and the message in your music. Where can our followers find you on social media?

Donaton Legend:

You all can find me on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube @Donaton Legend.

Generation Y Dominica:

Thank you so much! We look forward to great things and thank you for all the positive work that you do. Keep being such an inspiration to the youth and Generation Y Dominica.

Donaton Legend:

Thank you all for featuring me in the Magazine from Dominica out of every other artist in St. Lucia. It's a joy. I see you all Dominica, one of my dreams is to perform for you all thanks for your support. Stay positive.



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