



Floral Tribute

in honour of

**THE RT. EXCELLENT
SIR ALEXANDER BUSTAMANTE**
National Hero

Commemorating the 142nd
Anniversary of his birth

at

National Heroes Park, Kingston

on

Tuesday, February 24, 2026
at 9:00 a.m.

PROGRAMME

Musical Prelude

Jamaica Regiment Band

The National Anthem

Master of Ceremonies

Mr. Fabian Brown, JP

Opening Hymn

“Showers of Blessing”

Led by: NEXUS Performing Arts Company

Accompanied by: Jamaica Regiment Band

There shall be showers of blessing;
This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Savior above.

Showers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need;
Mercy-drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.

There shall be showers of blessing—
Precious reviving again;
Over the hills and the valleys,
Sound of abundance of rain.

There shall be showers of blessing;
O that today they might fall,
Now as to God we're confessing,
Now as on Jesus we call!

There shall be showers of blessing,
If we but trust and obey;
There shall be seasons refreshing,
If we let God have His way.

Opening Prayer

Reverend Bosworth Mullings

Representing
Jamaica Council of Churches

Musical Item

Kimiela "Candy" Isaacs

"Bridge Over Troubled Water"

Minister's Remarks

Honourable

Olivia Grange, OJ, CD, MP

Minister of Culture, Gender,
Entertainment and Sport

LAYING OF FLORAL TRIBUTES

*(While the Floral Tributes are being laid,
The Jamaica Regiment Band
will play Patriotic Songs.)*

Honourable Ian Forbes, CD, JP

Custos Rotulorum for the Parish of St. Andrew
Representing

**His Excellency the Most Honourable
Sir Patrick Allen, ON, GCMG, CD, KSt.J
Governor-General**

**Senator the Honourable
Thomas Tavares-Finson, OJ, CD, KC, JP**
President of the Senate

Representing

**Dr The Most Honourable
Andrew Holness, ON, PC, MP
Prime Minister**

Mr Wavell Hinds, MP
Shadow Spokesperson on Labour and Sports
Representing

**Mr. Mark Golding, MP
Leader of the Opposition**

Honourable Robert Montague, CD, MP
Chairman, Jamaica Labour Party

Senator Kavan Gayle, CD
President, Bustamante Industrial Trade Union

Tribute in Music

Medley of Patriotic Songs

"This is the Land of My Birth"

NEXUS Performing Arts Company

Laying of Floral Tributes (Cont'd)

*(While the Floral Tributes are being laid,
The Jamaica Regiment Band will play Patriotic Songs.)*

His Excellency Jan Hendrik van Thiel

Dean of the Diplomatic Corps

His Worship the Mayor Councillor Andrew Swaby, JP

Mayor of Kingston

Major (Ret'd) Evelyn Sangster-Barnes

God-Daughter, Sir Alexander Bustamante

Mr. Shayne Kerr

President, Generation 2000 (G2K)

Mr. Rohan Walsh

President, Young Jamaica

Closing Remarks

Mr Fabian Brown, JP

Master of Ceremonies

The National Anthem

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Eternal Father bless our land,
Guard us with Thy Mighty hand,
Keep us free from evil powers,
Be our light through countless hours.
To our leaders, Great Defender,
Grant true wisdom from above.
Justice, truth be ours forever,
Jamaica, land we love.
Jamaica, Jamaica, Jamaica, land we love.

Teach us true respect for all,
Stir response to duty's call,
Strengthen us the weak to cherish,
Give us vision lest we perish.
Knowledge send us, Heavenly Father,
Grant true wisdom from above.
Justice, truth be ours forever,
Jamaica, land we love.
Jamaica, Jamaica, Jamaica, land we love



The Jamaica Regiment Band

The Jamaica Regiment Band (JRB) has a long history dating back to the West India Regiment (WIR). Following the dissolution of the WIR and Jamaica's independence in 1962, it was renamed the Band of the First Battalion, The Jamaica Regiment. Following the formation of the Second Battalion, The Jamaica Regiment in 1979, the band was re-named The Jamaica Regiment Band to become the musical wing for the entire Jamaica Regiment, which currently consists of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and Combat Support Battalions. The band is currently posted to The Combat Support Battalion.

The JRB actively performs for State, National, Ceremonies and Military Parades, including concerts in public parks like Hope Botanical Gardens and at various embassies. Beside the band members performing musical duties, they are also trained to take on operational roles to assist on the operational deployment against crime.

The JRB not only performed in locations across Jamaica, but has also performed overseas, including: Earl's Court, UK Ladyville, Belize; Chicago, USA; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; St. Georges, Haiti; Hamilton, Bermuda; Buckingham Palace, UK; and New York, USA.

As the Jamaica Regiment Band, it specializes in military music; nevertheless, the band is capable of performing all other genres. Its fine tradition has helped in developing a culture to continuously strive for excellence and provides a high musical standard of which Jamaica can be proud.

WO2 Rohan Brown is currently the acting bandmaster for the Jamaica Regiment Band. He is a graduate of the Edna Manley College of the Visual and the Performing Arts with a Bachelor in Music Education (BME) and has attended the musician course at the Royal Marine School of Music in the UK. He has been serving in the Jamaica Defence Force for the past thirty-One (31) years.

Kimieela "Candy" Isaacs



Prepare to be captivated by the remarkable journey of Kimieela "Candy" Isaacs, a visionary force who shatters stereotypes and proves that disability is never a hindrance to greatness. Demonstrating exceptional abilities from a tender age, Candy began singing and articulating with remarkable clarity at just 10 months old. Her

journey culminated in the attainment of a degree in Jazz and Popular Music Studies from the esteemed Edna Manley College, a testament to her unwavering determination and talent.

Candy's accolades speak volumes about her unparalleled talent and perseverance.

With an impressive collection of 65 medals, including an astounding 30 gold, 5 silver, and 30 trophies garnered from her remarkable performances as both a JCDC Festival Competition performer and composer, Candy has consistently defied expectations. Notably, she clinched Second Place in the JCDC's Gospel Song competition in 2009, and in 2021 she emerged as a finalist in the prestigious Festival Song competition. In 2024, she achieved the remarkable feat of winning the JCDC Festival Song competition, cementing her place as a trailblazer in Jamaican music.

Beyond her remarkable achievements in music, Candy is a beacon of inspiration as an educator. Sharing her expertise as a teacher at Woolmer's Girls and various primary schools, she imparts not only musical knowledge but also invaluable life lessons to her students.

In recognition of her profound impact on the world of music and education, on April 27, 2024, Kimieela was bestowed with the esteemed honor of an honorary doctoral degree in sacred music from the renowned One We International Theological Seminary (OWITS). Her life's mantra, "It's not the Candy that lives but the Christ that lives in Candy," encapsulates her unwavering faith and resilience, serving as a guiding light for all who aspire to overcome obstacles and realize their dreams.

With Kimieela "Candy" Isaacs as an exemplar, we are reminded that with passion, perseverance, and unwavering faith, anything is possible.



The NEXUS Performing Arts Company of Jamaica are proud ambassadors of the Jamaican performing arts landscape. Their journey that started out at PANAFEST in West Africa in 2001 has since culminated in multiple awards and appearances at the JCDC National Festival of the Arts and represented Jamaica at the 5th World Choir Games in Graz, Austria in July 2008, winning one gold, two silver and bronze medals. They have been the choir of choice for national events such as the Prime Minister's Swearing-In Ceremony in 2025, and have performed with numerous local and international recording artists.

The Founder and Artistic Director is Mr. Hugh Douse.



Upcoming Floral Tributes

The Most Hon. Hugh Shearer

Monday, May 18, 2026

The Rt. Excellent Samuel Sharpe

Saturday, May 23, 2026

The Most Hon. Edward Seaga

Thursday, May 28, 2026

The Rt. Excellent Norman Manley

Saturday, July 4, 2026

The Rt. Excellent Marcus Garvey

Thursday, August 17, 2026

The Most Hon. Sir Donald Sangster

Monday, October 26, 2026

The Most Hon. Michael Manley Thursday,

December 10, 2026

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