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SUMMER HEATS UP WITH SOULFUL CROONER BERES HAMMOND, THE HARMONY HOUSE MUSICIANS AND DJ INFERNO AT THE BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Two-time Grammy Award nominee received The Order of Jamaica for his contribution to the music industry

FORT LAUDERDALE – Considered by many to be Jamaica's greatest practicing singer-songwriter, Beres Hammond brings his celebrated mix of romantic lover's rock, light dancehall music, consciousroots reggae, hip-hop fusion and straight-up contemporary R&B to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on **Sunday, August 23 at 7:30 p.m.** on his One Love One Life Tour 2015, which is presented by Harmony House Productions and the Broward Center. He will perform with the Harmony House Musicians. The concert features DJ Inferno who was the 2013 winner of Jamaica's Redbull Thre3Style competition.

Hammond's rich and flavorful delivery has been compared to the passion of Sam Cooke, the laid back cool of Marvin Gaye and the gut-wrenching grit of Otis Redding. While Hammond grew up listening to his father's collection of those soul legends, he also points to these Jamaican greats as major influences: Leroy Sibbles, lead singer for the Heptones; velvety vocalist Ken Boothe and rock steady pioneer Alton Ellis.

With what he estimates to be 25 albums to his name and countless live performances that elicit fan fervor, Hammond was awarded the Order of Jamaica by that nation for his contribution to the nation's music industry.

Born in Jamaica's garden parish St. Mary, Hammond made regular trips to the downtown record shops of Kingston and, after graduating from high school, joined the fusion band Zap Pow. After four years he went solo and released *Soul Reggae* that included the hit single "One Step Ahead," which held the number one spot on the Jamaican charts for three-and-a-half months and continues to be a fan favorite for his signature impassioned vocals.

Hammond received Grammy Award nominations for *Music is Life* and *One Love, One Life*. His many top hits include "Tempted to Touch," "Double Trouble," "Putting Up Resistance" and "Not Over Until It's Done."

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CALENDAR BRIEF: Harmony House Productions and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts present **Beres Hammond** in his One Love One Life Tour 2015, featuring the Harmony House Musicians and DJ Inferno, in the Au-Rene Theater at the Broward Center on **Sunday, August 23 at 7:30 p.m.** A soulful crooner indebted to classic rocksteady and American R&B, Hammond is considered by many to be Jamaica's greatest practicing singer-songwriter and is known for his romantic lover's rock along with his light dancehall music, conscious-roots reggae, hip-hop fusion and straight-up contemporary R&B. Tickets are \$30 to \$75 with LAN & TAM Airlines Club Level tickets available for \$110. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at <u>BrowardCenter.org</u> or <u>Ticketmaster.com</u>; by phone at 954.462.0222 or TTD/TTY at 800.359.2525; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

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