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## **JIMMY CLIFF TO PLAY PARTY IN THE PARK THIS THURSDAY!**

Jimmy Cliff, the preeminent Jamaican ska and reggae singer, musician and actor make a rare Rochester appearance this Thursday, July 15. Jimmy Cliff is best known among mainstream audiences for songs such as "Sitting in Limbo", "You Can Get It If You Really Want", "We all are one" and "Many Rivers to Cross" from the soundtrack to *The Harder They Come* which helped popularize reggae across the world; and his covers of Cat Stevens' "Wild World" and Johnny Nash's "I Can See Clearly Now" from the film *Cool Runnings*.

Outside of the reggae world, he is probably best known for his film appearance in *The Harder They Come*. Jimmy Cliff was one of 5 performers inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2010.

He began writing songs while still at primary school in St. James Jamaica. He sought out many producers while still going to school, to no avail. "One night I was walking past a record store and restaurant as they were closing, pushed myself in and convinced one of them, Leslie Kong, to go into the recording business, starting with me," Jimmy writes in his own website biography. His career took off with "Hurricane Hattie" at the age of 14. Cliff's later local hit singles included "King of Kings", "Dearest Beverley", "Miss Jamaica" and "Pride and Passion". In 1964, Cliff was chosen as one of the Jamaican representatives at the World's Fair and Cliff soon signed to Island Records and moved to the UK. In 1970 when "Vietnam" was released Bob Dylan called it the best protest song he had ever heard.

**Doors open at 5pm, and the free show starts at 5:30 with Tinted Image followed by Trevor Hall.**

Party in the Park is a free 10 week concert series on Thursdays June 10- August 12 located at the corner of Court St and Exchange Blvd. No food, drink or chairs are allowed into the site. Food and beverage are available for purchase. Party in the Park is made possible with the help of our sponsors: The City of Rochester, Mann's Jewelers, Continental School of Beauty, Radisson Hotel, Heineken, Yellow Tail and Patch Block Wines, Mancuso Limousine, Pc Innovations, 95.1TheFox and City Newspaper.

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