

●ジョン・ルーカス ジャマイカ観光親善大使のプロフィールと今後の活動●

ジョン・ルーカスは1979年生まれ。ジャマイカ、マンデビル出身。

牧師の父と音楽好きのスペイン語教師の母の元、幼少期から18歳までジャマイカの少年劇団で活動。ジャマイカのノーザン・カリビアン大学を卒業。

その後、JET プログラムの厳しい選考をパスし、外国語指導員として、宮城県に着任。任期を終了後、東北大学大学院国際文化修士課程を修了。

2004年からゴスペルシンガーとして活動。

現在に至るまで CD5枚。著書「希望の翼 Wings of Hope 」（福音社）を発表。

2013年、日本テレビ系の「のどじまん THE ワールド」に出演。「翼をください」を熱唱し特別賞を受賞。

全国にゴスペル教室を持ち、指導しており、生徒数は200を超える。

国内外のコンサートや数多くのイベントに出演。その活動は新聞、テレビ、ラジオ、雑誌などにとりあげられている。2015年12月には30人の生徒さんを連れてジャマイカでの公演を成功させ、現地の TV にも出演した。

ジャマイカ観光親善大使としての活動は、主に広報を担当し、イベント、コンサートでジャマイカ観光に務めることになっている。

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INTRODUCING *Johny Lucas*

Youngest son of Dr Joseph Barrett and Mrs Evadne Barrett, a minister of religion and teacher, respectively, John Lucas Bar demonstrated his innate ability in the performing arts from an early age. Having been raised in an environment that nurtured and supported these gifts, it is no surprise that, after graduating from Kingway High School and entering Northern Caribbean University, Johny chose to major in vocal performance, communication and religious studies upon arriving in Japan in 2000 under the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme. He went on to further his studies at the Tohoku University, gaining the Master's Degree in Intercultural Studies. In 2004 John started his work in the field of Gospel Music Ministry in Sendai, Japan, through performing and directing with the Hallelujah Gospel Family. He presently serves as the main vocalist for the Sendai Gospel Festival (the largest in Japan) and also co-hosts the SCF radio programme, "Gospel Makes You Happy." For his rendition of the Japanese classic, Toshiaki Ohtsuka's "Give me Wings" on the Nippon TV programme, "NODOBAMAN THE WORLD" in 2014, he received the Song for Japan Judges Special Award. He released the song and his English version, Wings of Hope, as a single in November of the same year. Host of a regular TV Show on Nippon TV that focuses on English Language education for mothers and young children, "MAMAHO KOMO TV" (TV for Mom and Kids), Johny also maintains a very active gospel music career that has expanded to over 8 locations and 6 nations worldwide. His chorale group, the JL Gospel Family has grown to over 200 members and has become the face of Gospel music in Japan, travelling extensively teaching and performing in Tokyo and Sendai as his base. Following the release in May 2015, of his latest album, God is Good!, comprising 15 songs, commemorating his journey over the last 13 years in Japan, Johny has been on tour in Japan, United States of America, Singapore and Hong Kong. On this trip to Jamaica, the last leg of this tour, the album will be on sale at both concert locations (Kingston and Mandeville) for a price of \$51,200.

Discography:
December 2008 - First single, "My Song for You"
January 2010 - First Album, "Surrender"
October 2011 - Mini Album, "KIBO: Keep Hope Alive"
November 2014 - Single CD and Book, "Wings of Hope"
May 2015 - Second Album, "God is Good!"

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