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Judi Emanuel

The Reggae Countess

"Changing lives one note at a time"

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YEARS IN
MUSIC

4,000

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CABARET
CONCERTS

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MISSION & VISION

"With a voice compared to Minnie Riperton meets Bob Marley, Judi Emanuel uses music to promote happiness, healing and world peace - one note, one heart, one community at a time."

A VOICE FOR EVERY OCCASION

Judi Emanuel delivers world-class performances across every genre - Reggae, Gospel, Jazz, Opera, Ballads, Pop, Soul, Cabaret, Classics, Original Songs and Covers - tailored to your event, your audience and your vision.

Happiness

Using music as a vehicle to bring joy, comfort and upliftment to every audience - from hotel ballrooms to festival stages, from Vermont to Jamaica and beyond.

Healing

Music has always been humanity's greatest healer. Through song, Judi offers comfort after loss, hope in difficulty and connection in isolation.

World Peace

Peace begins within each individual. Through performance and community, Judi nurtures the inner peace that ripples outward into families and the world.

Legacy

Building a musical and humanitarian legacy for her family and future generations - proving that art, purpose and commerce can walk hand in hand.

ARTIST BIOS

SHORT BIO

For MC introductions, festival listings, social media and event programmes.

Judi Emanuel - The Reggae Countess - is one of Jamaica's most accomplished performing artists, with over five decades in music, 4,000 cabaret concerts across Jamaica's premier resorts, and an international career spanning Japan, Cuba, North America and the Caribbean. The daughter of Mento and Calypso pioneer Count Owen, recipient of the Order of Distinction of Jamaica, she is the founder of Emanuel Road Records and continues to record and perform from her bases in Jamaica and Vermont, USA.

MEDIUM BIO

For press releases, booking enquiries, feature articles, award submissions and website use.

Judi Emanuel - The Reggae Countess - is one of Jamaica's most accomplished and enduring performing artists. A five-decade recording artist, songwriter and four-decade cabaret performer, she is the daughter of Count Owen, recipient of the Order of Distinction of Jamaica, the pioneering Jamaican Mento and Calypso musician and recipient of the Order of Distinction of Jamaica. Born into music, Judi began performing at six years old and went on to deliver over 4,000 cabaret concerts across Jamaica's most prestigious resort properties including Sandals, Half Moon, Hilton Kingston and Jamaica Pegasus.

With a rare five-octave vocal range, Judi has represented Jamaica at the Caribbean Broadcasting Union International Song Contest in Havana, Cuba, placing First Runner-Up internationally. She has toured with Judy Mowatt of Bob Marley's I-Threes across Japan, North America and the Caribbean, and recorded with Dennis Brown, Gregory Isaacs, Judy Mowatt, and Walt Disney Records. In 2001 she received the Jamaica Federation of Musicians Award for Best Female Cabaret Artiste.

Now based in both Jamaica and Vermont, USA, Judi Emanuel is bringing her life's work to new audiences as founder and artist-producer of Emanuel Road Records. Available for corporate events, festivals, hotel residencies and concert performances internationally. "Changing lives one note at a time."

BIOGRAPHY

Judi Emanuel - **The Reggae Countess** - is one of Jamaica's most accomplished and enduring performing artists. A five-decade recording artist, songwriter, and four-decade Cabaret artist, she is the daughter of **Count Owen** (Owen Emanuel), the pioneering Jamaican Mento and Calypso musician, who recorded for Stanley Motta's MRS label and Ken Khouri's Kalypso label from the early 1950s. Music is not just Judi's career - it is her birthright.

Born and raised in Jamaica, Judi began performing at an early age, entering Jamaica's **Festival Song Contest as a child**, winning a Bronze Medal in 1974 for *Keep That Candle Burning*. She and her sisters attended **Alpha Academy** (Convent of Mercy) - the storied Kingston institution that has produced some of Jamaica's greatest musicians. Together three of the sisters performed as the **Emanuel Sisters**, reaching the **Top Ten Finals of the Jamaica Song Festival 1983** with their original song *We're Proud*.

Her professional career spans the highest stages of Jamaican and Caribbean music. She delivered over **4,000 Cabaret concerts** across Jamaica's premier resort properties - Sandals, Beaches, Half Moon, Hilton, Jamaica Pegasus and more - and performed at landmark events including **Reggae Sunfest, Heineken Startime, Jazz in the Gardens**, and the **Miss Jamaica World** pageant.

In 1995, representing Jamaica at the **Caribbean Broadcasting Union (CBU) International Song Contest** in Havana, Cuba, Judi won the Jamaican leg and placed **First Runner-Up internationally** with *Reach for Your Dreams*. She toured internationally with **Judy Mowatt** of Bob Marley's legendary I-Threes as a backing vocalist across Japan, North America and the Caribbean. Studio credits include **Dennis Brown, Gregory Isaacs, Judy Mowatt** and Walt Disney Records.

In 2001 she received the **Jamaica Federation of Musicians Award for Best Female Cabaret Artist**. Now based in both Jamaica and Vermont, USA, Judi is bringing her life's work to new audiences as Founder and Artist/Producer of **Emanuel Road Records**.



ALSO CREDITED AS

Judy Emanuel · Judy Emmanuel · Judi Emmanuel · Judith Emanuel · Judy Em · Judith Emanuel-Dyke · Emanuel Sisters · Rare Essence

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

1974

Bronze Medal - Jamaica Children's Festival Song Contest

Keep That Candle Burning (songwriter: Count Owen).
Confirmed by Count Owen, Jamaica Gleaner,
February 2024: "She won bronze!"

1983

Top Ten Finalist - Jamaica Song Festival

Competing as the Emanuel Sisters with original song
We're Proud. All sisters attended Alpha Academy.

1988

Runner-Up - New England Celebrity Pageant

New England, USA.

1995

First Runner-Up - CBU International Song Contest

Represented Jamaica in Havana, Cuba. Reach for Your
Dreams - the premier Caribbean music competition.

2001

Best Cabaret Artiste (Female)

Jamaica Federation of Musicians & Affiliated Artists
Union. Physical plaque held in artist archive.

2024

JACA Annual Scholarship Award Show

Charlotte, North Carolina, USA.

IN PERFORMANCE



Live performance with Desi Jones and Friends



On stage with Count Owen, recipient of the Order of
Distinction of Jamaica

DISCOGRAPHY

AS LEAD ARTIST

1988	<i>For the Love of You</i>	Judy Emanuel - King Jammy's Angels Part 1 · King Jammy's Records
1988	<i>Love Hangover</i>	Judy Emmanuel - Jammy's Records / Blue Mountain Records
1989	<i>A Natural Woman (You Make Me Feel)</i>	Blood Young Records - produced by Richard Fowlin & Kotch
1989	<i>If You Want Me</i>	Two Friends Records
2010	<i>Welcome</i>	Emanuel Road Records
2012	<i>Ena and the Bamboo Bridge</i>	Emanuel Road Records
2012	<i>Write You A Song</i>	Emanuel Road Records
2016	<i>It's Your Life EP</i>	Emanuel Road Records · Recorded at Harry J Studio, Kingston
2023	<i>Magical Mothers</i>	Emanuel Road Records
2023	<i>This Christmas</i>	Emanuel Road Records

AS FEATURED ARTIST / DUET

c.1985	<i>Stay (with Junior Tucker)</i>	Euphony Records
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AS EMANUEL SISTERS / RARE ESSENCE

1983	<i>We're Proud</i>	Emanuel Sisters · Written by Count Owen · Jamaica Song Festival Top Ten Finalist
c.1985	<i>The Sweeter He Is</i>	Emanuel Sisters · Abintu Label · Produced by Tim Miller (drummer and producer, Burning Spear)
c.1985	<i>Seeing Is Believing</i>	Rare Essence · All Gold Records

BACKING VOCALS / STUDIO CREDITS

Dennis Brown · Gregory Isaacs · Judy Mowatt · Brian & Tony Gold · Junior Tucker · Lasana Bandele · Walt Disney Records (Sebastian from The Little Mermaid)

PRESS & MEDIA

JAMAICA GLEANER · JUNE 7, 1995

"One of the most versatile female cabaret singers in the music industry"

Reviewer Justin Whyte described her rendition of Bridge Over Troubled Waters as "breathtaking."

JAMAICA GLEANER · JULY 1997

"The clapping went on long after Judy had finished her final song"

Full concert review by Andrea Hoo Fung. Performed alongside Boris Gardner, Gem Myers and Lovindeer. Wyndham Hotel.

JAMAICA GLEANER · DECEMBER 15, 2004

"Stunning performances by two of Jamaica's top cabaret singers"

Full article by Devon Evans. "They were equally awesome both in their solo performances and as a duet. The full house of guests cheered wildly." - Breezes Runaway Bay Hotel 20th anniversary.

JAMAICA GLEANER · JUNE 23, 2005

Standing Ovation - Hilton Kingston, Father's Day

"After Emmanuel gave a powerful, but sweet-sounding performance of songs like Unconditional Love and Bridge Over Troubled Waters, she left the stage to a standing ovation."

JAMAICA GLEANER · FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Count Owen 90 and Counting

Names "the famous Emanuel Sisters and singing sensation, Judi Emanuel" as daughters of Count Owen, recipient of the Order of Distinction of Jamaica. Count Owen confirms: "She won bronze!" - Sunday Gleaner, by Yasmine Peru.

VERMONT NEWS & CITIZEN · 2023

Caribbean Rain - Tuesday Night Live

Documents Caribbean Rain performance at Legion Field, Johnson, Vermont. Notes the family relocated from Jamaica to Vermont in 2017.

VERMONT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL · 2019

Judi Emanuel Family and Friends

Listed as "Jamaican recording artiste, singer-songwriter of Original Jamaican music (Reggae, Ska, Mento, Dancehall)" at the 27th Annual Vermont International Film Festival.

PRESS PHOTOS

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Glamour Portrait



Press Photo



Live Performance



With Count Owen, recipient of the Order of Distinction of Jamaica

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