

Lifestyle

Renowned J'can saxophonist for NY show

Sunday, April 16, 2006

On Sunday, April 30, 2006, the Organisation for International Development, Inc (O I D) will host their annual Fundraising Luncheon. Renowned Jamaican saxophonist Cedric 'IM' Brooks is among the featured artistes.

The event, to be held Sunday April 30 at the VIP Country Club, 600 Davenport Avenue, New Rochelle, New York will also feature Larry McDonald and Andrene Bonner.



Brooks, a pupil of the Alpha Boys School, is an original who defined new styles as Jamaica's music progressed from Ska, Rocksteady to Reggae. Brooks distinguished himself on a number of classic Jamaican recordings, including Count Ossie's So Long Rastafari Calling, Java, Satta Massa Gana and Skylarking.

As the Hon. Rex Nettleford, O.M. so eloquently said, "Brooks was a seminal contributor to the development of Jamaican arts and culture particularly in the field of music. He brought great texture and sophistication to his own presentations by his knowledge of a wide range of musical forms outside of his native Jamaica." Brooks recently released The Light of Saba, a compilation of several of his great performances.

The organization has announced that Dr Gerald Deas, Associate Professor and Director of Education and Communication at State University of New York Downstate Medical Center, Robert DeSouza, CEO of Trans Continental Shipping Company, and O I D members Dr Claudette Anderson, Howard Gordon and Honey Shields will be honored for their work in the community. Keynote speaker will be Senator the Hon Delano Franklyn, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.

O I D was founded by Dr Roy Streete and Mrs Jean Streete in 1990 and has been giving hope to thousands around the world since its inception. The organization's membership is comprised of a cross-section of professionals from the public health, academic and scientific fields.

They provide services which includes dental care, medical screening and treatment, physical therapy, education on disease prevention and health maintenance, counseling and referrals. Funds raised from this event will go towards upcoming missions to Jamaica, June 16-25th and Ghana, August 12-24th 2006.