

Reggae or Similar Music

Level The Vibes - Vincent Vaughn and Patrick Stewart

Dear NCRA/ANREC:

Please accept this submission by CJSW on behalf of the program Level the Vibes hosted by Vincent Vaughn (DJ Tullo) and Patrick Stewart (Sweet P) for the award of best Reggae or Similar Music.

Vincent Vaughn and Patrick Stewart have been hosting Level The Vibes on the CJSW airwaves for some time now. The program aims to keep in touch with their roots as well as provide a platform for the local Jamaican-Canadian community. During the program's 2 hour time-slot on Saturdays, Level The Vibes strives to play an eclectic variety of reggae sub-genres. From Ska and Roots Reggae, to an infusion of Rap/Hip-Hop Reggae, Level The Vibes does not shy away from experimenting with contrasting sounds. In doing so, Vincent Vaughn and Patrick Stewart uplift their community and share their culture to the listeners of CJSW.

A meaningful example of how Level The Vibes helps out their community is by promoting cultural events around the City of Calgary (Mohkinstsis). Just last year, Vincent and Patrick did a live on location broadcast for the music and cultural festival East Town Get Down, which is hosted on 17th Avenue SE— a place commonly referred to as International Avenue where many multicultural businesses are situated and collaborate with organizations to celebrate their backgrounds.

Week after week, Vincent and Patrick spread the love, even going so far as to remind listeners that each and everyone of them deserves to be happy. This sort of sincerity can be hard to come across, and so Level the Vibes serves as a welcome reprieve from whatever troubles one might be experiencing. Not only that, but the hosts are incredibly knowledgeable about the genre and always take time and consideration to share the history and influences that went into Reggae music.

I hope the NCRA/ANREC can see the quality in a program like Level the Vibes, and consider it for the Best Programming award in Reggae or similar music.

Thank you for your consideration,

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