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Sean Paul to Headline 2025 St. John Celebration Village Nights in Star-Studded Caribbean Lineup

Global reggae icon Sean Paul leads a powerhouse lineup for the 2025 St. John Celebration Village Nights, which will also feature soca stars Patrice Roberts, Nailah Blackman, Bunji Garlin, and local hitmakers like Jam Band, R. City, Pumpa, and more.

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ST. JOHN — Global dancehall and reggae superstar Sean Paul will headline the 2025 St. John Celebration Village Nights, bringing his internationally acclaimed energy and catalog of hits to what organizers have deemed yet another dynamic lineup.

The announcement comes from the V.I. Department of Tourism and the Division of Festivals, who say this year's six-night music showcase will deliver a high-octane celebration of Caribbean

culture and sound.

“Every year, the festivals team is challenged to make each celebration better than the last. I’m proud to say they’ve done it again, curating a lineup that is both globally recognized and culturally resonant,” said Dept. of Tourism Commissioner Joseph Boschulte.

The 2025 Village Nights will feature a vibrant mix of regional icons and local stars, beginning with soca powerhouse Patrice Roberts, whose signature sound will set the tone for a week of rhythmic celebration. Joining her on stage across the six nights are Caribbean favorites such as Nailah Blackman, GBM Nutron, Asa Bantan, Krosfyah, Bunji Garlin, and Fay-Ann Lyons, all of whom have established themselves as marquee names in soca and beyond.

Virgin Islands artists will play a central role throughout the festivities. From the very first night, local bands and performers will showcase the territory’s musical depth and diversity. Audiences can expect performances from beloved VI groups such as Jam Band, VIO Int’l, Spectrum Band, Blind Earz, and RVP Band, whose performances will blend traditional calypso with the modern Bass Rhythm and Melody styles that are unique to the region.

Solo artists will also bring their talents to the forefront. The high-energy presence of performers like Rudy Live and Adam O will add to the festive momentum with their crowd-moving soca sets.

The celebration will culminate in a grand finale following the annual fireworks tradition, with two of the Virgin Islands’ most celebrated performers taking the stage. Internationally recognized hitmakers R. City, along with crowd-favorite Pumpa, will close out Village Nights with high-impact performances meant to honor the territory’s cultural pride and musical heritage.

The St. John Celebration Village Nights are a centerpiece of the annual summer festivities in the Virgin Islands, drawing visitors from around the region and beyond.

For the full schedule of events and performance dates, visit <https://www.visitusvi.com/events/st-john-celebration>.