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J' CANS IN NY HONOUR OLIVER SAMUELS

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (JAMPRESS):

Jamaican comedian Oliver Samuels was recently honoured by Jamaica's Consul General to New York, Kay Baxter-Collins and the Jamaican community in New York for his continued exposure of the island's culture.

Mr. Samuels was presented with the Carib News Front Page Award at a reception at the Manhattan offices of the Jamaican Consulate.

Also, the Mayor of Spring Valley, Jamaican-born Allan Thompson, the day after the reception presented Mr. Samuels with the key to the village.

Mrs. Baxter-Collins, noting that "we are honouring someone we love very much", said Mr. Samuels had taken on the mantle of "Miss Lou" as he continued to present Jamaica's culture to the international arena.

"You have been a great ambassador for Jamaica," she told Mr. Samuels to loud applause from the gathering.

Mr. Samuels has been performing on the Jamaican theatre scene for the past 28 years.

Pointing out that he was addicted to Jamaica and Jamaicans, Mr. Samuels said he would continue to represent the country throughout the world and urged Jamaicans to be proud of their country.

"If you don't have anything good to say don't say anything," he said to loud applause.

He mentioned the influence on his career of Ranny Williams and Louise-Bennett Coverley.

New York City Councilwoman, Una Clarke, who is Jamaican-born, also paid tribute to Mr. Samuels.

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