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The 5th installment of the Barbados Music Awards held at The Sir Garfield Sobers Gymnasium was a hot bed of Heritage and culture as we saw dynamic performances from the likes of Fantasia Barrina, Livy Franc, Jaicko, Ria Borman, BMA Ronnie Morris, Omar McClurken, Alison Hinds and several dancers, as they performed with grace, passion and perfection as a tribute performance to the Late Great Michael Jackson . Several artists who worked hard during two thousand and nine received awards and are to be commended for their dedication to the task of music as professionals.

This year's event celebrated the King of Pop, The Late Great Michael Jackson and after watching the show I could understand the rationale. The honor was meant to see the emulation of young Barbadians honor the King of Pop in song and dance and showcased the impact Michael Jackson had on the youth of our Nation. The young man who performed as part of the dance group really impacted Mr. Joseph Jackson, father of Michael Jackson who was on hand to receive two awards on behalf of his son.

Additionally, the performance and musical delivery by Alison Hinds will become Legendary in the Island of Barbados. Let it be known by all readers of this article that January 10, 2010 was the Day of Artistic Empowerment for Barbadians at home and abroad because they answered the question most Americans ask and I have had to answer for twenty five years living abroad. . Isn't Barbados an Island of Calypso and soca? The answer for those who need to know is an absolute NO! The 5th Annual BMA's showcase of multi talented success proved riveting and truly world class for an event held in a tiny Island has now earned the right to be declared an International Event.

Ronnie Morris and Russell Ruck along with the Timeless Barbados staff are to be complimented on the International , professional and sophisticated manner in which the event took place over more than three exhilarating hours.

On behalf of the team at Caribvoiceradio and CAP Television we say EXCELSIOR.

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