

# JOHNNY DREAD



# BIOGRAPHY

Born Juan Carlos Guardiola in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Johnny spent his youth on the basketball courts of Miami, FL and received a basketball scholarship to Florida International University (FIU). Shortly after he experienced a "majestic" transition from star athlete to professional musician. Submerged into the Rasta music community in the late 80's Dread formed the group Copacetic alongside Anthony Booker (Bob Marley's step brother), Ras Bagga, and recorded the album *Ghetto Rock* which peaked to #7 on the **Billboard Reggae Charts** in 1990. He then embarked on a solo career and travelled to Jamaica to record his first solo album, *Scarecrow* in 1997, with internationally acclaimed drummer/producer, **Wilburn Squidly Cole**, of **Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers**. In 2000, Dread released *Chapter One*, his second solo album and the first one of the seven Revelations, a series of seven albums that includes thus far the sophomore release, *Magnificent People* (2003) and his current album, *Full Circle*.

Johnny Dread has taken the stage in festivals across the globe, concerts and benefits with leading artists such as Erykah Badu, Lauryn Hill, Israel Vibration, Alpha Blondie, Third World, The Wailers, Sugar Minot, Culture, Steel Pulse, The Marleys, among others. A self-taught drummer, he has captivated a wide spectrum of audiences from Europe, France, Belgium and The Netherlands to the Bahamas, Jamaica, Central & South America. In his hometown Miami, he has been a staple of the Bob Marley Festival for 15 years.



# **PRESS**

***“Johnny Dread has been  
at it since 1987.”***

**- MIAMI NEW TIMES**

***“Cuban American Rasta musician  
takes reggae industry by storm”***

**- EXAMINER**

***“It was in the coastal town of Puerto Viejo that  
Johnny Dread held his first Costa Rican concert, in  
2001. That performance was at the Afro-Caribbean  
Splash in front of 5,000 people, and it marked  
the release of his album “Vision.” The fans fell,  
and they fell hard.”***

**- THE TICO-TIMES (SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA)**

# // MUSIC VIDEOS //

**-WAKE DEM UP-**



**-FULL CIRCLE-**



**-QUE SERA-**



**-BUTTERFLY-**



**-ONE STONE-**



**-TRAFICANTANTE-**





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