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## **Sangster International Airport Embellishes Arrivals Terminal with ‘Freestylee’ Posters Sponsored by Spanish Court Montego Bay**

**Montego Bay, Jamaica, 20 February 2017.** Passengers arriving at Sangster International Airport will now be greeted by an expanded collection of art with the introduction of 10 new pieces by the late Jamaican artist Michael ‘Freestylee’ Thompson, through the generous sponsorship of Spanish Court Montego Bay.

The reprints, which depict Jamaican culture, music, history and lifestyle, form part of a programme led by Sangster operator, MBJ Airports Limited, designed to beautify the facilities, leverage the country’s culture and present a distinctively Jamaican experience to travelers as they disembark flights into the island.

Spanish Court Montego Bay’s decision to sponsor Michael Thompson’s work at the airport is in keeping with the hotel’s ongoing efforts to support and promote Jamaican art and culture.

“Michael’s work is iconic and celebrates, unmistakably, the Jamaican spirit and the country’s rich cultural heritage. We salute Spanish Court for its civic leadership and generosity and are proud to share the vision for a revitalized Montego Bay,” commented MBJ Airports CEO Rafael Echevarne.

Michael Thompson (<http://www.freestylee.net>) was an outspoken artist and activist who cofounded the International Reggae Poster Contest as a step towards creating a Reggae Hall of Fame and performance center in Kingston.

Prints selected for the airport include historical images depicting Taino and Maroon faces, national heroes Samuel Sharpe, Paul Bogle, Marcus Garvey and Nanny of the Maroons, as well pieces evoking contemporary, distinctly Jamaican street culture, including a Rastafarian on a bicycle peddling records, a peanut cart and a sound system.

The Airport’s art programme will be further expanded throughout 2017 to include additional sponsored works and a tribute to several of Jamaica’s most noteworthy musical pioneers.

### **About MBJ Airports:**

MBJ Airports Limited, operator of Sangster International Airport, is a partnership between Mexico-based Grupo Aeroportuario del Pacifico (GAP) and Canada-based Vantage Airport Group Ltd. through a 30-year concession agreement with the Government of Jamaica that began in 2003. For more about MBJ Airports, please visit [www.mbjairport.com](http://www.mbjairport.com).

### **About Spanish Court Montego Bay:**

The Spanish Court Montego Bay is scheduled to open in the summer of 2017. Situated on Montego Bay’s Hip Strip facing Doctors Cave Beach, the 120-room boutique hotel will offer all-inclusive and European plan accommodations. A sister property to the Spanish Court Kingston, the hotel was designed to attract discerning holiday goers and business travelers seeking an authentic Jamaican hospitality experience.

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