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NO DECISION YET ON REBEL SALUTE

“Wait, see and listen.” That’s the approach being taken by reggae singer and event promoter Tony Rebel regarding the 2021 staging of Rebel Salute. In light of the current global health crisis due to the novel coronavirus and the fallout in almost every facet of life including entertainment, the promoter said he is in no position to make a definitive statement as to whether or not the popular event will be held come next year. “The truth is we just have to sit and wait. That is the nature of COVID-19. We have to wait to see what is happening here in Jamaica and what our local authorities have to say; we also have to look at what is happening overseas as a large portion of our audience comes from overseas. We have to take everything into consideration when we make a decision,” Tony Rebel shared. According to Tony Rebel, the options are wide open regarding the format which Rebel Salute 2021 could take. “Going virtual is not really anything new for us. For a number of years, we have been facilitating live streaming of the event for free. So a virtual staging is all in the mix, so we are just waiting to see what the coming months have in store then we will take a decision as to what is the best fit for the 2021 version of Rebel Salute,” he said.

(Jamaica Observer)

NO TIME TO DIE: BOND 25 PUSHED BACK AGAIN TO SPRING 2021

The next James Bond thriller, *No Time to Die*, has been delayed yet again as a result of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The 25th instalment of the spy franchise was originally scheduled to open in April 2020 but when cinemas shuttered, it was pushed back to November. With the box office still not back to normal, the film has been pushed to 2 April 2021. “We understand the delay will be disappointing to our fans but we now look forward to sharing *No Time To Die* next year,” a statement from MGM, Universal and the Bond producers, Michael G Wilson and Barbara Broccoli, read. *No Time to Die* is set to be Daniel Craig’s last outing as 007 and will see him up against the Oscar-winner Rami Malek as the villain with returning cast members Naomie Harris, Léa Seydoux and Christoph Waltz.

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JAMAICA LISTED AMONG 17 COUNTRIES EDITORS OF TRAVEL + LEISURE MAGAZINE WANT TO VISIT ONCE THEY CAN TRAVEL AGAIN

The editors of Travel + Leisure Magazine, who have been unable to pursue their love for travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic, have turned their attention to identifying the countries they would choose to visit once everyone is given the all-clear to do so without fear of contracting the deadly disease. The editors created a list of the 17 countries they chose, and Jamaica was the choice of Travel+Leisure photo editor Skye Senterfeit. Senterfeit said that a long-planned vacation to Jamaica will make that nation a priority destination. The editor particularly cited looking forward to a stay at the Skylark, lots of time on the beach, “lots of rum punch,” and listening to live music. Senterfeit added that hopes include spending “as much time on the beach as I’m currently spending in my apartment.”

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Events

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JAPEX will be virtual this year, featuring engaging dialogue and programming in a digital setting. Stay tuned for further details.