

# THE FREEDOM BAND

Now entering their eleventh year, The Freedom Band is a name that has become synonymous with the #1 professional reggae sound and performance in Western Pennsylvania and the Tri-State area.

Comprised of members Donnie "Dread" Cyrus, "Chizzy" Chuck, and Drew Dauer, the band maintains a level of performance and musical experience that is unparalleled by any of its peers. In 2008, FREEDOM remains on the cutting edge, incorporating the latest reggae sounds and vibes into their performance as well as all the classics that everyone knows and loves.

In fact, the band prides itself in being able to cater to any type of crowd - from a summer backyard pool party max'ed out with 75 people to festival audiences of thousands. Ask anyone - our track record speaks for itself.

Freedom regularly performs at numerous popular venues in the Tri-State area such as Redfin Blues, PD's Pub, Shadow Lounge, Spice Cafe, Paparazzi's, Kelly's Riverside Saloon and Fox Chapel Yacht Club (just to name a few). In past years, Freedom played as the weekly house band at Rosebud (3 consecutive years), The Attic (2 years) and Nick's Fat City 'Reggae Thursdays (4 years). In addition, the band continues to devote much of its schedule to playing various private parties and corporate events when that special island flavor is needed to make the event 'just a little bit different than the norm...

Past Festival appearances include Three Rivers Arts Festival, SurgeFest, M-Squared, Niles' Rib Burn Off in Ohio, the Multicultural Festival in Parkersburg, West Virginia, Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival, and the Autumn Leaf Festival at Clarion University. Other appearances include IUP, W & J College, PSU, University of Pittsburgh, WVU, Robert Morris College, Chatham College as well as various charitable events in the community.

On a larger scale, the Freedom musicians have opened for such international reggae artists as Dennis Brown, Burning Spear, Jimmy Cliff, Eek-A-Mouse, Third World, Andrew Tosh, UB-40, Pato Banton, Mad Professor, Steel Pulse, The Wailers, Yellowman and Ziggy Marley. In 2005, Freedom had the pleasure of opening for reggae legends THIRD WORLD at Hartwood Acres in front of a crowd of 15,000+!

For its excellence in performance, Freedom and its musicians have been awarded "Best Reggae Musician," "Best Reggae Vocalist" and "Best Reggae Performance" awards over the years by the Pittsburgh City Paper publication, and "Best Reggae Performer" Award from Sheridan Broadcasting Corporation, Radio Division (WAMO).

*Experience the sounds of FREEDOM...*