

Collie Buddz to bring his music to Stateline

Collie Buddz from the isle of Bermuda has done something not impossible but something once seemingly implausible. He's become the most buzz-worthy current reggae artist over the past few years.

He's bringing his brand of music to MontBleu in Stateline on Nov. 12 at 8pm. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance at the casino or \$25 at the door.

In summer 2007, Buddz' Columbia Records self-titled debut album stormed the charts entering the Billboard Reggae Chart at first position. The reggae singjay became an international star when this album then went on to debut across the world at the top of every chart from Japan to Germany.

Incorporating influences from hip-hop to soca, Collie's music nevertheless has a rock-solid foundation in reggae – and its power to connect ghetto reality with the highest heights of human aspiration – that is a rarity even in Jamaica. But, to say he's connected to the Caribbean community would be an understatement. Buddz, born Colin Harper, has become the Caribbean culture's resident ambassador.

In spite of averaging an 11-month yearly touring schedule since 2007, Buddz is prepared to release a sophomore album.

Wanting to release music more frequently and with fewer restrictions, Buddz's affiliation with Columbia Records/Sony Music Entertainment ended in 2008. He has since founded his own independent record label, Harper Digital alongside his brother, Smokey, and DJ Genie, while working with his longtime management group Mojiza Management.