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ALL-FEMALE REGGAE BAND



MEET THE BAND: CEECEE, ZHEM, LIKKLE BIT, ARIA ZENUA & RAELE FELIX
Toured the East Coast of the USA with the Queen of Reggae Marcia Griffiths



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INTRODUCTION

What do you get when you combine a daughter seeking to honour the memory of her late father: An electrifying musician, performer and loving husband; A family's shared love of reggae music along with the meaning of the word's 'radiance' and 'resolution'? R-A-Y-Z-A-L-U-T-I-O-N (pronounced Ray-Zuh-Loo-Shun), respectfully.

Simply put, Rayzalution is Canada's All-Female reggae band... And they are ascending the reggae scene with intensity and style since their formation in 2017. This ensemble hails from the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), but originated in the city of Brampton, Ontario and consists of Chantel "CeeCee" McKnight (Creator, Band Leader, Vocalist, Bassist & Steel Pannist), Tanziana "Zhem" Stephenson (Vocalist & Lead Keys), Leah "LikkleBit" Stewart (Drummer & Vocalist), Rael Felix (Guitarist & Vocalist) and Aria Zenua (Lead Vocalist).

"You can't just sit there and wait for people to give you that golden dream. You've got to get out there and make it happen for yourself."

MEET THE BAND



Chantel "CeeCee" McKnight was born into a musical family. Her Jamaican father and Guyanese mother were both professional bass players, and her grandparents were also professional musicians.

Zhem's chronicle as a musician began when her uncle "predicted" that she'd be a singer of all things after hearing her squeal as a baby. (Yet, she wouldn't start talking until age 3...)



Leah 'LikkleBit' Stewart was born in the city of Toronto CA and showed great interest in percussion at the age of 3 by arranging her mother's pots and pans into her own personal drum kit.

Aria Zenua has been a professional vocal performer over the last 15 years. Aria joined Rayzalution in 2021 and is proud to share the stage with the other phenomenal women!



Rael Felix began playing the guitar a little over a decade ago. Since then, she's played at church, open mics, performed with multiple live bands, taken classical lessons, and recorded her own music.



HOW IT ALL STARTED

Some of you may not know, but this is how it all started! Shout Out to our inspiration above.

The story of a dad's love for music and his wish that his daughter continues her musical journey, is the story of Rayzalution Band.

Chantel 'CeeCee' McKnight, the band leader, said that when her Dad was sick, playing Steel Pan for him would brighten his mood and that he would only lift his head to watch her play with a smile on his face. Her dad Ray McKnight, a well-known Jamaican-born, Toronto bass player/ musician and incredible family man, passed away from cancer in 2013.

Four years later, CeeCee, with the help of her mom Penny, started Rayzalution Band - Canada's All Female Reggae Band, to carry on Ray's musical legacy, Rayzalution is a tribute to Ray. We also aspire to elevate how the world views female musicians, reggae and the combination of the two!

Image above: Left to Right: Likkle Bit (Drummer), CeeCee (Founder/Bassist) and Zhem (Lead Keyboards & Vocals)

AN ALL-FEMALE COLLECTIVE

Rayzalition believes in promoting positive, Canadian content while honouring their Caribbean roots and culture through the medium of reggae music and its various forms. Their repertoire consists of originals, and cover arrangements of classic and present-day reggae hits, all of which are composed to entertain and enlighten everyone inside and outside of any venue. The format? Blending their exceptional sound with Reggae and other Caribbean & Western flavours of music, thus generating something diverse from the Canadian music industry; their live performances not only promise harmonic appeal, but also, an influential and unforgettable experience.

You can also find Rayzalition on the festival circuit having shared the stage with the likes of: Maxi Priest, Freddie McGregor, Baby Cham, Sanchez, Romain Virgo, Dexta Daps, Mikey Spice, Beenie-Man, I-Wayne, Razor B, and The Mighty Diamonds. In November 2019, Rayzalition was honoured to tour the U.S. East Coast with the Queen of Reggae, Marcia Griffiths, (from Bob Marley's I-Threes) and veteran dancehall artist, Lady G, as their backing band and opening act. In 2022, the ladies of Rayzalition opened for the legendary Sister Nancy, and most recently, The Original Wailers.

This all-female collective has continued the female band revolution with their original single "Hold Ah Vibe" (Available on all streaming platforms) and is set to release their long-anticipated, first studio album, coming to your ears in 2023.

We are, Rayzalition!

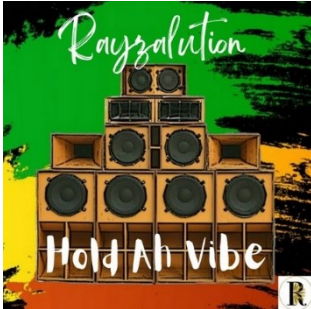
Our vibrant, engaging, disciplined, diverse and versatile mindset is the driving force for our core values, (the sum of our parts): Unity.

Refreshing, Radiant, Relatable, Reputable, Resilient, Relevant,
Ready & Real:

All of which are interwoven into the fabric of our sound and style, and continues to allow great synergy in our partnerships and collaborations.

MULTIMEDIA – AUDIO & VIDEO

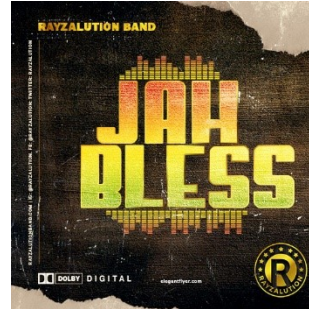
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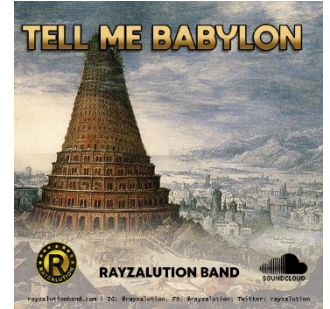
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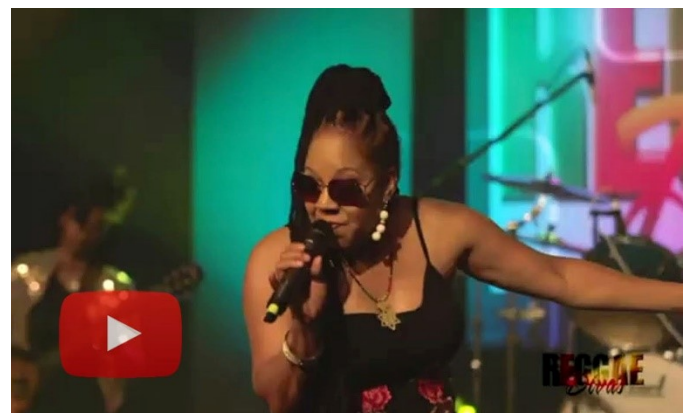
**Rayzalition Band backing Marcia Griffiths
Live @ Sony Music Hall (NY) 2019**



Rayzalition BHM Live Concert 2021



Taste of The Caribbean (TOTC) festival 2022



**Rayzalition Band backing Tasha T
Live @ Reggae Divas 2021**

Canada

- Toronto Jerkfest – Centennial Park, Toronto - Aug – 2017, 2018, 2019
- Durham Carifest – Ajax Downs, Ajax – June 2019, August 2022
- Rastafest/Sisterfest – Toronto - Nov 2018, 2022, Niagara Falls 2022,
- Toronto Rib Fest – Toronto – July 2019
- Taste of the Danforth – Toronto – August 2019
- Jamaica Day Music Festival – Toronto – July 2017
- YOWRONTO Reggae Fest – July 2018
- Canadian Music Week – May 2019
- Sint Ting Festival – Toronto, 2022
- Afro Fest – Toronto, July 2020, 2021, 2022

Jamaica

- Risky Business – Negril, Jamaica – Feb 2018
- Roots Bamboo Beach Resort – Negril, Jamaica – Feb 2018
- Travelers Beach Resort – Negril Jamaica – Feb 2018
- Jamnesia Music Centre – St. Thomas, Jamaica - Nov 2018

USA

- Tour with Marcia Griffiths of Bob Marley I-Threes
- Ludlow's Garage – Cincinnati, Ohio – Nov 2019
- Good to Go Event Centre – Chicago, Illinois – Nov 2019
- Club La Viva – St. Louis, Missouri – Nov 2019
- Howard Theatre – Washington DC – Nov 2019
- Sony Hall – Manhattan, New York – Nov 2019
- Wall Street Theatre – Norwalk, Connecticut – Nov 2019

LIVE APPEARANCES



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"Embrace what makes you unique, even if it makes others uncomfortable. We didn't have to become perfect because we've learned throughout our journey that perfection is the enemy of greatness."

Janelle Monae



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