

CAPITAL LIFE *Your city, your agenda*



Joshua Alo, 31, is a Hawaiian reggae singer-songwriter

Did you always know reggae was your style of music? I've always wanted to play reggae. Many people in Hawaii love reggae music and it is dominant on the airwaves. The reggae groups in Hawaii have some of the strongest vibes. The only problem is that we are geographically isolated, so it is harder for them to be discovered.

Most people associate Hawaii with the ukulele or surf music. Have you ever felt compelled to use either in your music? I have felt compelled to use my ukulele on stage in Europe to introduce more of my culture. But even then, some people don't know what a ukulele is and think it's just a small guitar with a higher-pitched sound. But the ukulele is my first instrument and I have a sentimental attachment to its sound. It can sweeten up reggae music so nicely.

What are your impressions of Brussels after four years? I appreciate the cultural diversity. I love the fact that speaking different languages is heavily promoted, however unpopular it may be to some. The weather is horrible but we can't have everything. I remind myself that even though we can't see the sun, it doesn't mean it's not there. We must shine the light from within.

You can watch Joshua performing live at this year's Couleur Café festival on July 1. www.couleurcafe.be

My diary

SATURDAY
JUNE 2

PARC GEORGES-HENRI

I will have a walk with my family in this in Woluwe park. There's a great playground for children

*Square Meudon
www.ecli.net/rbc*

SUNDAY
JUNE 3

ASSEMBLÉE DE DIEU

If I am in town, Sunday is synonymous with church services for my family and me. This is the one we usually attend, in Tubize

*147 Rue des Forges, Tubize
www.moneglise.be*

MONDAY
JUNE 4

L'OCÉAN

I'm meeting my friends to eat grilled fish in this restaurant near Midi station

94 Avenue de Stalingrad

TUESDAY
JUNE 5

ROOTS REPORT

The presenters of this show on Radio Kif, Clarisse Lula and Selecta Supa, will be interviewing me at 20.00

97.8FM, www.radiokif.com

THURSDAY
JUNE 7

L'HORLOGE DU SUD

This culture-oriented cafe-restaurant has African specialities and there is a really good vibe

*141 Rue du Trône,
www.borlogedusud.be*

FRIDAY
JUNE 8

LE MONDE EST UN VILLAGE REGGAE

The host of this Belgian radio show, Cédric-Jean, plays excellent roots reggae every Friday

96.1 FM, www.rtf.be/lapremiere



Museum of Musical Instruments

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 13

FORÊT DE SOIGNES

We are so fortunate in Brussels to have access to this corner of nature. I intend to have a walk with my daughter – weather permitting, of course

www.soignes-zonien.net

TUESDAY
JUNE 12

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS MUSEUM

It's about time I had a look at this museum; everyone keeps telling me I have to go – and that I must have a drink at the rooftop café!

*2 Montagne de la Cour
www.mim.be*



Joshua will be featured on TV Brussel's Brussels International programme on June 3. Tune in at 18.15, catch it every 30 minutes after 19.30 or watch it online at www.tvbrussel.be