

PIONEERING RECORD LABEL PECKINGS RECORDS HONoured WITH A BLUE PLAQUE

Peckings Records is awarded a Blue Plaque Nubian Jak Community Trust

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, March 6, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On Wednesday 9th March 2022, the pioneering record label Peckings Records will be awarded a blue plaque by Nubian Jak Community Trust.

Two years before Chris Blackwell, founder of Island Records, started importing Jamaican music to England in the 1960s, George 'Peckings' Price had brought the sound of the Island to London and beyond.



The late George Peckings founder of Peckings Records

Music for George 'Peckings' Price started in Kingston, Jamaica where he formed a partnership with Coxsoné Dodd, legendary producer from Studio 1. They set up their own sound system, which included members like Lee 'Scratch' Perry and Prince Buster. To stay ahead of their rivals Coxsoné would travel to the US to collect music exclusives, leaving Peckings in charge of bookings and arranging the dances.

In 1960 George decided to come to the U.K., taking with him a suitcase of vinyls from Prince Buster and Coxsoné. Peckings supplied UK based Jamaican soundmen like Duke Vin, Count Suckle and Daddy Vego with RnB, Ska and Reggae records, before opening his own record label and shop in 1973. He would go on to cater for legendary sound systems like Coxsoné, Jah Shaka, Fatman, Hawkeye, Dub Vendor, Daddy Cool and even a young David Rodigan.

When George Price died in 1994, the Peckings legacy was continued by his sons. Tony and Trevor continued with the shop, whilst the two younger brothers – Chris and Duke – took the Peckings Records label to another level, solidifying its place in reggae history.

Peckings Records has been responsible for breaking some of the most influential reggae artists

of the last 2 decades including Bitty McLean, Gappy Ranks, Peter Hunningale and Tarrus Riley. The label has released almost 100 records and albums since 1994, and in recent years was awarded both best label and producer at the British Reggae Industry Awards.

To commemorate almost 60 years since the founding of Peckings Records a blue plaque will be placed outside the original label and shop address in Hammersmith.

Where: 142 Askew Rd, London W12 9AH

When: Wednesday 9th March 2022

Time: 1:00pm

You can also watch the event via Zoom! Please register on with Eventbrite on the link below:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pioneering-record-label-peckings-records-is-honoured-with-a-blue-plaque-tickets-288841040327>

Quotes:

Founder of the Nubian Jak Community Trust, Jak Beula, said: "Peckings Records is an oak tree that grew from the acorn of Jamaican music enthusiast, George Price, whose love for the music of his island helped to create the phenomenon of Ska and Reggae in the United Kingdom."

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