

Tjenbé Rèd!



***Anthony B in concert at Metz;
Couleurs Gaies
and Tjenbé Rèd show
they are keeping an eye on him***

***(The LGBT associations
call on the ragga movement for a dialogue
based on the Reggae Compassionate Act
signed by Capleton)***

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Anthony B, the Jamaican singer of Reggae Dancehall, is coming to Metz on Monday. He is appearing at the *Trinitaires* - a hall supported by the local authority in Metz.

Couleurs Gaies (LGBT for Metz Lorraine-Nord) and *Tjenbé Rèd* (a Civic Movement for action and reflection on issues for Blacks and people of colour in France, both mainland and overseas) have demonstrated their opposition to “murder music” by distributing a pamphlet to dozens of people present at this concert before opening up a dialogue with them.

Anthony B has uttered many words of hate with regard to LGBT people (lesbians, gays, bi- and trans-sexuals), such as in 1996 in “*Burn Down Sodom*”, in 1998 in “*Cut Out That*” and in 2002 in “*Chi Chi Man*”.

Well, homophobic comments legitimate and encourage homophobic acts. According to *Amnesty International*, in Jamaica, even in 2005, “*gays and lesbians are daily the target of violence and discrimination ...Steven Harvey, an activist in the struggle against AIDS, was assassinated because, it seems, of his homosexuality*”.

Couleurs Gaies and *Tjenbé Rèd* call for vigilance on the part of the LGBT movement, but also for dialogue. The *Reggae Compassionate Act* (signed in 2007 by Capleton) is the best basis for such a initiative. LET'S TALK, LET'S RESPECT EACH OTHER, *TOUT MOUN' SÉ MOUN ! (EVERYONE IS SOMEONE !* in French West Indies creole).

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