



The Roots – Jonathan started his musical journey as a young man developing in the roots of Aruba. Writing numerous songs while living the Rastafarian lifestyle in Aruba's most outstanding nature, he collaborated with several musicians live on stage and producers like NinjahMuziq on recordings & video. After settling in The Netherlands with his Empress & Prince in 2020, Jonathan still kept working on bringing his music to the world, resulting in co-working with Fontoyard in 2022 and founding a solid eight member live band J-Dread Foundation in 2024/2025. "Life is a never ending cycle"



The Foundation – Founded in 2024 by Aruba’s Jonathan Dread in collaboration with Marc ‘MaSta’ in the Love for Roots Reggae, including related friends and talented musicians John, Roy, Melissa & Marc ‘Edge’ ...which made The Foundation saw light. Soon joined by the most excellent brothers in reggae music Fred (former The Frontliners i.a.) & Ricardo (a.k.a. Tectonia) into 2025... J-Dread Foundation brings their authentic & original roots reggae songs live from the heart, spreading the love of hope, unity, and cultural pride with own vibrant rhythms, enlightening melodies and conscious lyrics.



- **Fred** – Sax/Flutes
- **Ricardo** – Keys/Modulation
- **John** – Percussion
- **Melissa** – Vocals
- **Roy** – Drums
- **Jonathan** – Vocals.Guitar
- **Marc ‘Edge’** = Bass
- **Marc ‘MaSta’** – Guitar

Photos











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Highlights

- 2023 Jonathan (singer/songwriter) & Marc S (guitar) first contact for collaboration, soon grounded with John (percussion,) Roy (drums), Melissa (vocals) & Marc E (bass), first rehearsals....looking out for a inspiring and dedicated sax & keyboard member.
- 2024 Live try out gigs at The Skiff & De Vorstin in Hilversum NL, rehearsals, in the fall Fred (sax & flute, former The Frontliners i.a.) adopted The Foundation....still looking out for those keys.
- 2025 Full live show at The Box in Katwijk NL, rehearsals, honored and blessed with Ricardo (a.k.a Tectonia) fitting right in on excellent keys & modulation during fall again.
- 2026 Tectonia wins 2 international awards for his latest album 'The Moon', Fred performed in awesome final gig of Skunk Doe Maar Tribute Band....
- T.b.a.



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