

# John "DJ Tobago" Joseph - MELTING POT



As far back as I could remember, I always had a love for music. It didn't matter what kind of music if it sounded good, I would listen because music is the universal language. Growing up living in a house with a father as a DJ I was exposed to and intrigued with the art form. I started play music at the age of 18 while living in Brooklyn, New York. I partnered up with a good friend named Christopher Charles and we play for parties using the name of Double Explosion. In the early 1990's I hooked up with a group we called "Ole Face" on Church Ave & E 94<sup>th</sup> St. in Brooklyn, NY.

What started off as old talk about being on the radio became a reality when I moved to Orlando, Fl. When I arrived in Florida for a while, I went by the name JMJ which stood for Jam Master Jay but that was before our new group was formed called I-Land Rebels. Our objective was to play music representing all the different parts of the Caribbean. I then became the voice of I-Land Rebels and shortly after was dubbed with the name Tobago (thanks Gevis).

Then in December of 2004 came Island Beat. My friend Christopher Charles, former member of Ole Face & I-land Rebels asked me to make sure and keep Island Beat going before his untimely passing. In order to keep my promise to Chris, by any means necessary Island Beat will go on. I have worked hard to maintain this radio station, even when I was told to give up. I do this in memory of my mother Mrs. Lenorth Joseph and my good friend Mr. Christopher Charles.

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