



# Reggae gets into heritage list

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## **Reggae gets into heritage list-Artists like Bob Marley popularised the music genre that originated in Jamaica**

- Reggae music, whose chill, lilting grooves won international fame thanks to artists like Bob Marley, secured a coveted spot on the United Nations' list of global cultural treasures.
- UNESCO, the world body's cultural and scientific agency, added the genre that originated in Jamaica to its collection of "intangible cultural heritage" deemed worthy of protection and promotion.
- UNESCO noted that while reggae started out as "the voice of the marginalised" it was "now played and embraced by a wide cross-section of society, including various genders, ethnic and religious groups."
- Its "contribution to international discourse on issues of injustice, resistance, love and humanity underscores the dynamics of the element as being at once cerebral, socio-political, sensual and spiritual," Paris-based UNESCO added in a statement.
- Reggae joins a list of cultural traditions that includes the horsemanship of the Spanish Riding School in Vienna, a Mongolian camel-coaxing ritual and Czech puppetry, among more than 300 other traditional practices.
- A centuries-old form of Georgian wrestling called chidaoba and the Irish sport of hurling also won recognition as cultural assets.

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