

PROFILE – DR MICHAEL ABRAHAMS

In 1997, our distinguished guest speaker, a consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, started his private medical practice, his childhood dream of caring for women. In an interview with the Jamaica Observer several years ago, he was quoted as saying, “just to look after a woman to me is a great thing. I tell people that I think the best thing that God has ever made is a good woman.” This innate sense of responsibility in dealing with women’s “issues” led him to start a support group for women who have had miscarriages. He was quoted as saying that “losing a baby is a traumatic experience many persons fail to understand.”

During his private practice, Dr Abrahams met the iconic Jamaican comedian Owen “Blakka” Ellis, who invited him to be the guest speaker at the launch of a comedy show to talk about the health benefits of laughter. Ladies and Gentlemen, following that speech, his entry into the field of entertainment began. Since then, Dr Abrahams has worn many hats in the entertainment industry.

Many people have seen him on the famous “Ity and Fancy Cat Show” in Jamaica, where his unique brand of comedy has made him a household name. However, he has performed on numerous shows as a stand-up comedian, which often focuses on issues, particularly politics that affect us daily. Dr. Abrahams also plays the guitar and adds his comedy to music; some of them, including his songs on the Chikungunya, Zika, and Dengue viruses, have affected Jamaicans from all walks of life.

Dr. Abrahams is also a weekly columnist for one of Jamaica’s national newspapers, where he has copped awards on opinion journalism for his biting and in-depth columns speaking to political, religious, and social issues that affect us daily.

With all the poems, songs, opinion writing, and comedic routines, the amicable doctor still finds time for his family. He is also quoted as saying that “he never misses a sports day, awards function or recital for his children.”

We are pleased to have him here with us this evening and look forward to hearing what he says to us. I’m sure he’ll keep us entertained while enlightening us with thought-provoking ideas.

Ladies and gentlemen, please help me welcome medical doctor, comedian, poet, and entertainer extraordinaire Dr Michael Abrahams.