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WYCLEF JEAN SUPPORTS USCRI GALA

Political activist/musician Wyclef Jean will lend his talents to the 100th-anniversary celebration of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants. The black-tie gala and auction will be held Oct. 19 at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C.

Jean, a Haiti refugee who landed in Brooklyn at the age of 10, says his two-hour performance at the USCRI event will include songs from his forthcoming album, *Feel Good Music*, due next summer. He says the set will feature collaborations with Paulina Rubio, Estelle, Melanie Fiona and Jim Jones.

The gala will also include the presentation of Centennial Awards to President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Sen. Edward Kennedy for their contributions on behalf of refugees and immigrants. The nonprofit USCRI is dedicated to helping improve the lives of refugees and immigrants.

Jean is also working to rebuild his homeland following the country's devastating earthquake in 2010.

"In my country, Haiti, the president appointed me the ambassador at large," Jean says. "The focus is to work on bringing investment into Haiti. The other part of it is education and job creation. We can do as much philanthropy as we want, but unless we start to come up with philanthropy that is actually helping the people in these countries help themselves, we're always going to find ourselves in a situation with a starving nation."

For more details about the USCRI gala, go to Refugees.org.

—Mitchell Peters