



MEDIA ALERT

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**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC JAZZ FESTIVAL Oct. 31 – Nov. 3, 2013
Puerto Plata, Sosua, Cabarete, North Coast**

- WHAT:** The **Dominican Republic Jazz Festival** now in its 17th year, is the longest running jazz event in the Dominican Republic. The event is a free, multi-day festival full of rhythm, flavor, and color held each year on the North Coast of the Dominican Republic, featuring some of the World's best Latin Jazz groups and musicians.
- WHO:** Presented by the **Dominican Ministries of Tourism and Culture, JetBlue**, and businesses such as Millennium Resort & Spa, Sea Horse Ranch, Ron Macorix, Listin Diario, UltraVioleta, Casa Linda Residences, Banco del Progreso-American Express, The Municipality of Sosua, and Cibao Recycling, this cultural event welcomes distinguished musical artists from across the globe, such as **Bernie Williams, Rufus Reid, George Garzone, Billy Drummond, Ramon Vazquez, Abraham Laboriel, Sr., Marco Pignataro, Richie Flores, Horacio "El Negro" Hernandez, Johnny Ventura and Milly Quezada.**
- WHERE:** The **Dominican Republic** is a nation on the island of Hispaniola, located in the Caribbean (3.5 hour direct flight from New York, 2 hrs. from Miami). The 17th Annual Dominican Republic Jazz Festival will be held in the seaside, touristic towns of **Puerto Plata, Sosua and Cabarete**, known for their beautiful beaches and friendly charm, on the North Coast of the island along the Atlantic Ocean.
- WHEN:** October 31, 2013 – Puerto Plata, Independence Park (Parque Independencia)
November 1, 2013 – Sosua, Parque Mirador
November 2-3, 2013 – Cabarete, Cabarete Beach
- WHY:** The **Dominican Republic Jazz Festival** is a **renowned, annual cultural event** that brings Jazz to a diverse crowd of music lovers, comprised of local residents and tourists alike. The **festival** also brings **music education** to the region through its affiliation with **FEDUJAZZ, a non-profit organization that conducts music workshops for youth.** FEDUJAZZ has partnered with local organizations like the **Dream Project** to further assist in the education of Dominican children, using Jazz as the teaching platform. VIP Event Passes are available for advance purchase, with proceeds benefiting the music foundation FEDUJAZZ.
- HOW:** There are two international airports with regular, direct flights between the USA and the Dominican Republic, with easy access to the Dominican Republic Jazz Festival. A 3.5 hour direct flight from New York and a 2 hour flight from Miami,

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HOW: (continued) the closest international airport to the Festival is Gregorio Luperón in Puerto Plata (POP), located 25 minutes from Cabarete. The other option is Santiago airport, Cibao International (STI), located 90 minutes from Cabarete.

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