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**NYC RECEPTION, MUSIC PREVIEW FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC JAZZ FESTIVAL  
WEDNESDAY SEPT 18, 2013, 6 TO 8PM**

- WHAT:** The **Dominican Republic Jazz Festival** now in its 17<sup>th</sup> 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 annually on the North Coast of the Dominican Republic (this year's dates are Oct. 31 to Nov. 3, 2013), featuring some of the World's best Latin Jazz groups and musicians. **The Festival is hosting a reception and live music preview in NYC Weds. Sept. 18, 2013.**
- 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. **Hosting the NYC reception** will be Dominican Republic Jazz Festival Artistic Director **Ramon Vazquez**, along with Latin jazz great **Rufus Reid**, accompanied by internationally acclaimed performers **Ivan Renta, Edsel Gomez** and **Lakshmi Marfil Delgado.**
- WHERE:** **Taina Café**, 134 E. 48<sup>th</sup> Street, between Lexington / 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, New York, NY
- WHEN:** **Wednesday, September 18, 2013, 6pm to 8pm**
- 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 musical workshops for youth.** Motivating and developing young artistic talent, 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.

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