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JAZZ FESTIVAL 2013

At the press conference held on Wednesday 16th October to launch the 2nd International Jazz Festival, the Minister for Culture, The Hon Steven Linares MP said:

"As Minister for Culture it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to Gibraltar.

In our election manifesto we promised to have an annual Jazz Festival. Following on from our first festival last year, which was a great success, we are happy to announce the second Gibraltar International Jazz Festival. The combination of local talent and internationally recognised musicians, which worked so well last year, will again be repeated this year. The overwhelming support received from locals and visitors alike is a testament to this successful recipe.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all Jazz lovers to our country to enjoy the Festival with us and to also enjoy our heritage and culture which we are so proud of and to which this Government is totally committed. I am sure that you will get a very warm welcome from everyone in Gibraltar, a small country where you will find a rich diversity of cultures, nationalities and religions and where the people pride themselves in having found the formula to live in peace and harmony."

George Posso, President of the Gibraltar Jazz Society said:

"Amazingly we have already come round to hosting Gibraltar's Second International Jazz Festival. It's an event that Gibraltarians want to share with Jazz fans everywhere. After last year's fabulous debut starring the great Avishai Cohen it is a privilege to have this year Jools Holland and his band.

Again the spirit of the festival is not just about the fantastic performances but has also included master classes led by Jazz Maestro, Dan Moretti.

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Dan will also feature in his own set, sharing the programming with the other local and international musicians - all friends - that make this one of the most relaxed and musical Jazz events in the Mediterranean. Join us and experience it for yourself!"