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1st International Jazz Festival in Gibraltar.

The Ministry of Culture in conjunction with the Gibraltar Jazz Society is pleased to announce the staging of the 1st International Jazz Festival in Gibraltar.

The Jazz Festival will take place at Casemates Square on the 28th, 29th and 30th June 2012 and all the performances will be free of charge.

Minister Linares said, "As Minister for Culture I am delighted to see another of our manifesto commitments being fulfilled. I am also extremely pleased at the fact that the 1st International Jazz Festival has attracted great interest from many in the Jazz fraternity around the world.

We are already working on the 2nd festival for next year, in order to have this annual event grow and become part of the international Jazz circuit, as is the case in other places around the world."

The main performer will be Avishai Cohen (Seven Seas), bassist, vocalist and recording artist of international acclaim, who will be on stage on Friday Evening.

The festival will also see other major artists such as Dan Moretti, the University of London Big Band, Elie Massias & Arturo Serra, Kirsty Almeida and her band, the Juan Gallardo Quintet, and not forgetting our own local talent the George Posso trio and guests.

In addition to the main event at Casemates, there will also be two pre-festival events; On Monday evening, Latinos on the Beach will host local band "Street Dogs" and on Tuesday evening, "Jazz Friends" will be on stage at the Leisure Island, Ocean Village.

An important part of the festival will be the Jazz workshops being offered as part of this event. Anybody interested in taking part please contact Francis Rumbo at the Ministry of Culture on Tel: 20049167 or 54010061.

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Note to Editors: The Minister for Culture will hold a press conference on the 28th June at 12 noon at the John Mackintosh Hall, Charles Hunt Room. Some of the artists will be present.