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### **Gibraltar International Jazz Festival**

The Ministry of Culture, in conjunction with the Gibraltar Jazz Society, announces the star-studded line up for the 3rd Gibraltar International Jazz Festival. The Festival events start on 20<sup>th</sup> October and will feature sixteen shows and events including concerts, street parades, jazz workshops and jam sessions. The actual concerts start on 23<sup>rd</sup> running up to the 25<sup>th</sup> of October.

The Festival will be headlined by international acts; Eliane Elias with special guest Randy Brecker, and Fillet O Soul with special guests Mica Paris, Omar and Madeline Bell bringing together the international jazz scene and its ever-growing public audience.

The Festival itself will begin on Wednesday 22nd with a Launch party at O'Callaghan Elliott Hotel and a Pre-Festival Jazz Night showcasing local talent with the George Posso Trio and other musicians taking part in the jazz workshops.

The trio will perform as part of the Festival itself on the 23rd of October prior to the main performance by Eliane Elias and featuring Randy Brecker as a special guest.

Pianist, singer and songwriter, Eliane Elias is known for her distinctive and instantly recognizable musical style which blends her Brazilian roots and her sensuous, alluring voice with her impressive instrumental jazz, classical and compositional skills.

On Friday 24th, the stage of the Queen's Cinema will showcase local talent, with performances by ever popular Levanter Breeze and The Soul Mates.

The Gibraltar International Jazz Festival will close on the night of the 25th of October with performances by the Massias/Galiardo collective, followed by Fillet O Soul, made up of musicians from Jools Holland's orchestra and BBCs "Strictly Come Dancing" fame, with special guests Mica Paris, Omar and Madeline Bell.

As from the 14<sup>th</sup> of August, tickets will be available at these prices: First night, £35; Second

night, £25; Third night, £50. Season ticket for the three nights will be £100. Tickets will be sold from the Ministry of Culture at the City Hall or by calling +350 20066819, email: [mschy.info@gibraltar.gov.gi](mailto:mschy.info@gibraltar.gov.gi)

Jazz Workshops will also be offered from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October headed by Elie Massias and with the participation of Pedro Cortejosa on sax, David Leon on drums and percussion and Jose Lopez on double bass at John Mackintosh Hall. Price will be £20 pounds per day or £50 for the three days. Those wishing to attend the workshops should contact the Ministry of Culture at the City Hall or by calling +350 20066819, email: [mschy.info@gibraltar.gov.gi](mailto:mschy.info@gibraltar.gov.gi)

The Minister for Culture, The Hon Steven Linares MP, is quoted as saying:

“The Gibraltar International Jazz Festival is once again a meeting point for the international jazz scene, taking place for the third time and once again affirming Gibraltar’s reputation as a jazz metropolis.

With its extensive professional programme at Queen’s Cinema as well as the workshops, the event brings together the international jazz scene.

I am delighted that this Festival has attracted great interest from many in the Jazz fraternity around the world and is a wonderful opportunity to highlight that ‘Gibraltar sounds good!’.

We recognize that these kinds of international events shall enhance the visibility of Gibraltar around the world.”

George Posso, president of the Gibraltar Jazz Society, said:

“The overwhelming reactions of the visitors and the artists, the promised support of the Government of Gibraltar and the help of our partners and sponsors, encourages us to plan more Gibraltar International Jazz Festivals and become part of the International Jazz Circuit.

We aim to integrate into the life of Gibraltar, work together with institutions, companies and locals, in order to make the Festival even more attractive.

We thank the Government of Gibraltar for hosting our Gibraltar International Jazz Festival, and we look forward to organizing many International Jazz Festivals over the years to come, so as to conquer many hearts with Jazz Music”.

Constantly updated info is available at [www.gibraltarjazz.gi](http://www.gibraltarjazz.gi)