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MARTINIQUE SET TO WELCOME ACCLAIMED INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS FOR 2011 JAZZFEST

Caribbean's longest running jazzfest dating back to 1983 to be held November 24 to December 4

NEW YORK, NY – October 18, 2011 – Final preparations have been made for the 2011 edition of the annual Martinique JazzFest, with a stellar line-up of international artists set to put on another epic show November 24 to December 4, 2011. The Caribbean's longest running jazz festival dating back to 1983, the Martinique Jazz Festival has welcomed some of the biggest names on the world music scene over its history. This year is no exception, as the Omar Sosa (Cuba), Nojazz (France), Serge Adam (France), Tricia Evy (Guadeloupe) and Martinique's own Mario Canonge and Grégory Privat headline an all-star line-up of international jazz greats.

"It's been nearly 30 years since we started hosting this wonderful Festival, and each year it keeps getting better and better," said Muriel Wiltord, director Americas for the Martinique Promotion Bureau /CMT USA. "The curtain goes up November 24th, and we hope to see you there!"

Jazz greats who have performed at the Martinique Jazz Festival over the show's history include the Marsalis brothers, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Paquito d'Rivera, Chucho Valdes, and many more.

Martinique Jazz Festival performances will be held primarily at L'Atrium, in the capital city, Fort-de-France, with additional concerts and events held in the towns of Sainte-Anne, Sainte-Marie, Lamentin, Rivière Salée, Sainte-Luce and the La Pagerie Museum in Trois-Ilets, childhood home of Empress Josephine.

For more information, including performance schedules, ticket information and more, contact Le Centre Martiniquais d'Action Culturelle (www.cmac.asso.fr) at Tel: 011 596 596 70 79 29, or Email: communication@cmac.asso.fr.

About Martinique (www.martinique.org)

*The Caribbean island with French flair, The Isle of Flowers, The Rum Capital of the World, The Isle of the Famed Poet (Aimé Césaire) – by any one of its many names Martinique remains one of the most alluring and enchanting destinations in the world. Named "Top Caribbean Island for Delectable Dining" in 2009 by *Caribbean Travel + Life*, and "Best Caribbean Destination" (2010) by *About.com*, Martinique is an overseas region of France that stirs the passions with distinctive culinary delights, awe-inspiring natural beauty, a rich cultural history, warm smiles and so much more. Napoleon's bride, Empress Josephine, was born and raised here. Majestic Mt. Pelée and The Pompeii of the Caribbean, St. Pierre, is found here. The finest French products, from Chanel fashions to Limoges porcelain, are readily available here. A special place, to be sure, with so much to offer – Martinique c'est magnifique!*

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