

June 12-14

• FREE student concerts and master classes; and the return of the popular *Jazz in the 'Hoods* and *Brunchin' in the 'Hoods*, which features performances at over 35 restaurants, clubs, hotels and art galleries across the city.

In partnership with the DEJF, the French Embassy will pay a special tribute to New Orleans with the Fifth Anniversary Gala Concert: *Vivre New Orleans* on June 10 featuring Paquito D'Rivera, the festival's artistic director, presenting Dr. Michael White and the Original Liberty Jazz Band. The festival closes at the Kennedy Center on June 15 with its showcase event, *DEJF Jazz Master's Concert*, in honor of Ellis Marsalis.

Ron Weinstock will be doing a preview which will be posted on our site sometime in May -- www.jazz-blues.com, under Special Issues to the right of the current issue.

Fifth Annual Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival 2009

KRALENDIJK, BONAIRE – This year, a very popular Bonaire tradition will return to the island in the Dutch Caribbean when the Fifth Annual Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival takes place on June 4 through 7. A variety of music styles will be heard around the island when internationally famous musicians mingle with the island's local bands.

A Jazz & Poetry Evening will once again kick-off the festival on Thursday, June 4 with the romantic backdrop of Fort Oranje. Gabby Saleh and his quartet and the Cabocoa Trio, all local artists, pave the way for Denise Jannah, a Surinam/Dutch female vocalist who was the festival's leading artist in 2004.

On June 5 and 6 there are two main concerts which will be held at the Topsy Seagull Restaurant, on the beach at the Plaza Resort Bonaire where The Monty Alexander Quartet, The Hans Dulfer band, Denise Jannah with a quartet from Curacao, Alfredo Naranga (Venezuela) will be joined by the ten-musician Latin Jazz Salsa Band, the Dikazz Group (Bonaire), and the Silver Bullet Steelband (Bonaire). After each concert on these evenings, jam sessions with the festival musicians will begin at midnight at Sense, close to Plaza Resort for those who go on into the wee hours.

On Sunday, June 7 there's another event, back by popular demand: The exciting Jazz Brunch at Dive Flamingo Beach Resort & Casino presented by local and festival musicians.

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For more information on the festival, go to www.bonairejazz.com. You can read our review of last year's festival on our site, www.jazz-blues.com. And click whatever image is just under "Special Issue" to the right.

Located eighty-six miles east of Aruba, the Dutch Caribbean island of Bonaire offers year-round sunshine,

low annual rainfall, pristine coral formations and the most thriving fish population in the Caribbean. Ideal for adventurers, explorers and sun-worshippers alike, Bonaire offers myriad eco-adventure activities including world renowned scuba diving and snorkeling, windsurfing, kiteboarding, mountain biking, sea and mangrove kayaking, horseback riding, nature tours, hiking, bird watching, sailing and deep sea and bone fishing. And with a selection of accommodations ranging from full-service oceanfront resorts and condominiums to guesthouses and small inns, Bonaire has something for every lifestyle and budget.

Bonaire is the recipient of the prestigious *Islands Magazine/Caribbean Tourism Organization* 2008 Sustainable Tourism Award and continues to be recognized as one of the top destinations worldwide for its sustainable tourism as reported by *National Geographic Traveler* magazine (March 2004) and *Islands Magazine* (December 2007), and as one of the top diving destinations in the Atlantic/Caribbean for seven years in a row in the *Scuba Diving* magazine's Readers' Choice Awards. It was designated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) as having the healthiest reefs in the Caribbean (January 2008), and as the Favorite Dive Destination in the World by *About.com* (June, 2008).

In 2009, the island will be Celebrating Bonaire's Commitment to Conservation, commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Washington-Slagbaai National Park and the 30th Anniversary of the Bonaire National Marine Park. There will be a variety of festivities and events throughout the year, celebrating these combined years of nature protection for the island.

For more information on Bonaire contact the Tourism Corporation Bonaire in the U.S. at 1-800-BONAIRE or visit Bonaire's official web site at www.tourismbonaire.com.

"Hot Blues...Cold Brews" at the 13th Annual Untapped Blues Festival

KENNEWICK, WA – The 13th Annual UnTapped Blues Festival will be held at the Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick, Washington, on May 9 from Noon to 11 p.m. is the Tri-Cities largest outdoor music event. Each May nearly 3,000 fans flock to Kennewick, Washington for the region's spring festival season opening act. This year the festival features seven talented bands representing Chicago and LA and the best of the Pacific Northwest.

The Festival will be jumping to the Latin influenced *Delgado Brothers* from Los Angeles. The Delgado Brothers weave roots, rhythm, blues, and funk into their music. Dancers swirl, swing and gyrate to a Latino flavored back beat of percussion, rock solid bass playing, emotive guitar solos, and moving vocals.

Magic Slim and the Teardrops will be playing down-home Chicago-style blues. Magic is the 2009 the Blues Music Awards nominee for the prestigious B.B. King Entertainer of the Year award. Magic will be appearing at UnTapped following a two month tour of Europe.