

# Follow the Rhythm at Aruba's 5th Annual Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival this October 7-8



NEW YORK, NY (July 26, 2011) – Aruba is gearing up for its fifth annual Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival, taking place October 7 – 8 in the capital of Oranjestad at Cas di Cultura Plaza. Travelers and music enthusiasts are invited to enjoy the sun, sand, and rhythms during this exciting weekend-long event.

Since 2007, Aruba's Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival has featured international and local artists from a variety of musical genres including salsa, jazz, rock, and even hip hop. In addition to music, highlights of the festival include street theater, fine arts, and a food area with culinary specialties.

This year's Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival will feature the following artists:

Angie Stone – American R&B and soul singer-songwriter, keyboardist and record producer. Stone began her music career during the 1990s as part of the R&B trio Vertical Hold which released the popular single “Seems You’re Much Too Busy” as well as two albums: A Matter of Time (1993) and Head First (1995). Stone recently finished a stand-up theatre play tour entitled Issues: We’ve Got Them All in which she had a leading role. She appeared on the VH1’s reality television series

Celebrity Fit Club for the fourth season. While on the show, Stone lost eighteen pounds, the second lowest loss in the history of the show.

Eddie Palmieri – Grammy Award winning Puerto Rican pianist, bandleader and musician, Palmieri is best known for combining jazz piano and instrumental solos with Latin rhythms. He won two Grammys for the recordings of Palo Pa Rumba and Solito. Palmieri currently continues to be actively involved with music. He formed a new band, La Perfecta II, with whom he recorded the CD Ritmo Caliente (Hot Rhythm).

Candy Dulfer – Dutch smooth jazz alto saxophonist, Dulfer began playing at the age of six. She founded her band, Funky Stuff, when she was fourteen years old. Her debut album Saxuality (1990) received a Grammy Award nomination. Dulfer has released nine studio albums, two live albums, and one compilation album. She has performed and recorded songs with other notable musicians, such as her father Hans Dulfer, Prince, Dave Stewart, René Froger, Van Morrison, and Maceo Parker. She hosts the Dutch television series Candy meets... (2007), in which she interviews fellow musicians.

Richard Bona – Prominent jazz bassist and musician, Bona's first solo album, Scenes from My Life, was released in 1999. He has also been prominently featured in Jaco Pastorius Big Band albums, as well as many other albums by various top-tier jazz musicians. In 2005 Bona released his fourth album Tiki, which included collaboration with John Legend on one track, entitled "Please Don't Stop." He currently holds a professorship of music at New York University.

Raul Midon – Singer-songwriter and guitarist, Midon combines his distinct voice, strumming, beats, and vocal mouth trumpet sounds to create a one-man performance. His style shows influences of a variety of genres, including jazz, blues, R&B, and folk. In March 2009, Midon began working with Grammy Award winning producer, Larry Klein on his latest album "Synthesis"

for the Universal Decca Label.

The concept of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival appeared as a replica to the world-class North Sea Jazz Festival created by Paul Ackett, taking place in the Netherlands in the summer. The annual Aruba Jazz & Latin Music festival, which took place from 1986 until 2001, can be viewed as a predecessor of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival.

Tickets cost US \$35 for a daily pass. For more information of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival, please visit: [www.caribbeanseajazz.com](http://www.caribbeanseajazz.com). For more information on travel to Aruba, please visit [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com).