Fun at the PuertoÂ RicoÂ HeinekenÂ JazzÂ FestÂ 2012

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There is never a dearth of things to do at the exotic location of Puerto Rico and if you are a music aficionado, then what you will really not want to miss is the Puerto Rico Heineken Jazz Fest 2012. It is currently in its 20th edition and is one of the greatest events of this region. This year it will be held between March 29th and April 1st and will be at the Tito Puente Amphitheatre. This festival is normally held at the beginning of summer but this year it has been pulled up with the hope of the rainy season not playing spoilsport.

There is a large importance given to this festival on the international scenario and this is obvious from the various locations that are connected to this event. This event lays strong emphasis on Latin jazz as well as the Puerto Rican styles of music. With time, this festival has grown to include several internationally famous acts as well as solo performers.

One of the regular acts at this festival has been Laboriel and among the other famous artists who have recorded here are the likes of Quincy Jones, Lionel Richie as well as Ray Charles, Henry Mancini and also, Burt Bacharach, Ruben Blades, Julio Iglesias and these are just a few of the names that have been here. When this festival was conducted last year, it was completely dedicated to Chick Corea who has been a pioneer in Latin jazz ranges that spread from Mongo SantamarÃ-a to Mark Weinstein as well as Cosa Nueva Orchestra.

This unique chapter in the Puerto Rico Heineken Jazz Fest continues to grow with each year of the festival.

As you go through this festival, the uniqueness and the depth of the jazz fest is the first thing that will strike you. Besides the decades of music that forms its inspiration, you will find that it has music for fans of jazz from the Caribbean as well as international scenario. It has become a popular performance ground for jazz performers. It gives them an ideal platform as well as exposure and provides jazz musicians a chance to gain jazz scholarships which may not have been possible otherwise. Thanks to the Puerto Rico Heineken Jazz Fest there has been a renovation of performance venues as well as the rediscovery and improvement of non-mainstream Puerto Rican musical forms, along with a range of cultural benefits for the participants as well as the audiences.

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