

Summer Concert Series at Porto Cupecoy!

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~ Getting your summertime groove on ~

Every Wednesday this summer, Arts in the Plaza is presenting an intimate summer concert series featuring extraordinary visual musical and performing artists from St. Maarten, the Caribbean and around the world. Throughout the summer, Porto Cupecoy will be hosting its summer concert series with free admission and an ever-changing array of musicians from the island of St. Maarten and around the world.

Porto Cupecoy is a Mediterranean-inspired waterfront village and marina and is known for holding upscale events like Art in the Plaza. The summer concert series promises to continue with this tradition: On Wednesday, July 20, relax and ride la Ola with Jose Conde and his New York based Ola Fresca (Freshwave) band. Jose Conde takes his Cuban roots and grafts them onto a dizzying range of Afro-Latin styles with subtle rhythmic intensity in voice and song from Puerto Rican bomba to Haitian compas to New Orleans swamp-funk for a nonstop blend of party-stoking grooves. Born in Chicago and raised in Miami to Cuban parents, Jose Conde embraces his roots with genres of funk, rock, rumba, Haitian compas, cumbia and guaracha.

His music gives you the sensation of a light breeze on your sun-drenched skin and the rolling murmur of the waves. Jose Conde songs encompass love with poetry and prose. His mambo arrangements are layered into a funk rhythm which highlights the Ola Fresca band. And then there is his salsa, as Conde explains, "Salsa music and dance is very structured with so many rules. I don't give a damn about those rules and encourage people to move their feet regardless of whether you can dance or not."

For the kick-off on July 6, a Cuban Jazz trio featuring world-renowned musician Fidel Morales performed. Concert attendees were able to enjoy not only the music, but special menu/drink items from the restaurants, as well as promotions from the surrounding shops. These offers are for every Wednesday evening throughout the summer concert series. On July 13, the world renowned modern reggae artist KU-J performed. Originally from St. Maarten, KU-J has spent more than 20 years developing his skills. KU-J and The Freedom Fighters Band have performed as opening acts for well-known Damian Marley, Sean Paul and Lloyd Banks.

Porto Cupecoy evenings during this summer concert series promise to be an exciting experience with talented musicians from around the globe each Wednesday from 6:00 to 9:00pm. While you are in Porto Cupecoy, treat yourself to a meal at one of the restaurants or pop into the lovely shops that are situated around the Plaza.

Porto Cupecoy is located at #66 Rhine Road, Dutch Lowlands. www.portocupecoy.com
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