



Jazz Artists on the Greens™ 2009, TOBAGO
Saturday 25 April, 2009
Pigeon Point Heritage Park
Pigeon Point Road, Pigeon Point,
Tobago.

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**Second edition of Jazz Artists on the Greens TOBAGO set for
April 25, 2009 featuring international cast.**

GLENCOE, April 13, 2009 - With the successful production of the seventh edition of **Jazz Artists on the Greens** (JAOTG) recently completed in Trinidad, **Production One Ltd.** ventures to the sister island of Tobago for the second TOBAGO edition of this flagship event, and continues to break new ground in entertainment options there. **Jazz Artists on the Greens** will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2009, in the middle of the **Tobago Jazz Experience** Weekend in Tobago, this event heralds the inclusion of a dose of real Jazz into a week of concerts and events which will see thousands of spectators and music fans converging in Tobago for the festivities.

The 2009 edition of the event to be held at the Pigeon Point Heritage Park, Pigeon Point will highlight Local and Latin Jazz performers, and further expand the repertoire for jazz lovers on the island during the **Tobago Jazz Experience** Week organised by the THA. Performing from the Main Stage at the Pigeon Point Heritage Park are Cuban group **Bellita y JazzTumbatá** led by the phenomenal pianist, Lilia Expósito Pino (a.k.a. Bellita), **CaneFire** from Canada led by keyboardist Jeremy Ledbetter, Caribbean/World fusion ensemble **élan parlé** out of Trinidad, and World beat masters **Mungal Patasar & Pantar** also from Trinidad. The show begins at 8:00 p.m. With gates opening at 6:00 p.m.

Production One Ltd. were invited by the Tobago House of assembly to continue its promotion of the annual event, and be part of their **Tobago Jazz Experience** after the demise of the CL Entertainment produced Plymouth Jazz Festival. The renewed focus of the THA for this week-long music festival places JAOTG Tobago event closer to the forefront of event options there.

Tickets are \$250.00 and are available at **Stechers** mall outlets, **Nigel R. Khan – Bookseller** mall outlets nationwide, Penny Savers Supermarket and R.T. Morshead Gourmet Foods, both in Tobago. They can also be purchased in advance at <http://www.jaotg.org>

About Production One Ltd.

Production One Ltd. is an events-oriented company committed to the top quality production of high-profile concerts and to expanding the audience for live music genres in Trinidad and Tobago and the wider Caribbean. This will be achieved not by compromising the music but through a dynamic and highly visible marketing strategy and by developing the public trust through a commitment to quality. In addition to fulfilling the role of a traditional concert promoter, we also specialize in providing opportunities for sponsorship by adding value to events through sophisticated marketing, advertising, design, public relations and production of collateral media.

Website <http://www.productiononeltd.com>

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Background of Jazz Artists on the Greens

A perceptive writer noted that “jazz events have become *de rigueur* throughout the world of international tourism, and the jazz festival concept has blossomed into big business. Though billed as jazz festivals, the majority of these events in the Caribbean have taken to packing their schedules with everything from pop to R&B in order to attract younger, broader audiences.” In sharp contrast, **Production One Ltd.** has been successfully producing its flagship event, **Jazz Artists On The Greens**, annually since 2003 with an ear tuned to traditional jazz and its Caribbean variation.

Encouraged by the growing interest shown by long starved jazz fans at small events such as “Jazz on the Avenue”, (a Caribbean Jazz recital event created and produced fortnightly in early 2003 by its associate company, S.T. Jazz, Inc.), **Production One Ltd.** prepared for its inaugural

event, **Jazz Artists on The Greens**, that would be hosted in June 2003 within a larger, festival setting at a park. Leaning towards the Caribbean Jazz idiom for inspiration, and with the intention of bringing a touch of class to local jazz, the objective was to expose as many new patrons and young musicians as possible



to Jazz, in an informal setting that could help remove much of the mystique that seemed to surround the genre. To quote **Production One Ltd.** director, Rolf Doyle, “Jazz Artists On The Greens is a first step towards a local jazz festival similar in popularity and size to those held annually in St. Lucia and

Barbados, but always remaining true to the jazz.” The event has grown from strength to strength, ever widening its base of regional performers...and its audience. It expanded into Tobago in 2008.



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The following artists will be performing from the Main Stage at the Pigeon Point Heritage Park:



Bellita y JazzTumbatá

Performing at 11:00 p.m.

<http://www.myspace.com/bellitajazztumbata>

Lilia Expósito Pino (a.k.a. Bellita) is a rarity in the male-dominated Cuban-jazz movement. A successful female bandleader and top instrumentalist schooled in the “Nova Trove” movement of the 60’s and 70’s, she combines a driving, sparkling keyboard style with funky vocal unisons à la Tania Maria, delivered with Afro-Cuban sensuality. Bellita and her group Jazztumbata have performed at festivals around the world in the Americas and the Caribbean, Europe, and Africa. The group released their debut CD BELLITA Y JAZZTUMBATA in 1999.



CaneFire

Performing at 10:00 p.m.

<http://www.canefire.ca>

CaneFire is a high-energy Caribbean music experience that features the steelpan (steel drum) in a way you’ve never heard it before. The original compositions of pianist and bandleader Jeremy Ledbetter combine Trinidadian calypso with Latin rhythms, jazz, and blues to create a unique, exciting new sound. CaneFire premiered at Toronto’s Lula Lounge in May 2005, and has since performed at various jazz festivals in Canada and the Caribbean. Caribbean jazz with FIRE!



élan parlé

Performing at 9:00 p.m.

<http://www.myspace.com/parlemusik>

élan parlé is a Trinidad-based music ensemble that blends Caribbean rhythms with global music influences to create Caribbean/World fusion. Using freewheeling improvisation over carefully crafted compositions, élan parlé brings a contemporary jazz perspective to the musical and cultural traditions of Trinidad and Tobago. Formed in 2000, élan parlé has proven itself to be Trinidad’s finest musical aggregate. After eight years, six CDs, numerous jazz festival appearances, glowing press reviews and music awards, the band shows no signs of slowing down.



Mungal Patasar & Pantar

Performing at 8:00 p.m.

<http://www.myspace.com/mungalpatasar>

Mungal Patasar: “I am a musician of the world, India is my memory, Trinidad and Tobago the ground under my feet, Europe my door to the world, my music is a gift that belongs to everyone.” The band Mungal Patasar and Pantar was founded in 1994. Prior to this, Mungal was well known for his experiments with Indian Classical Music, Calypso and Jazz. After completing studies, Mungal continued on the path of fusion music. In 1996 he recorded his first album “Nirvana. His second album “Dreadlocks” (2001) was released by Virgin Records, France. Two more CDs followed in 2005 and 2008.

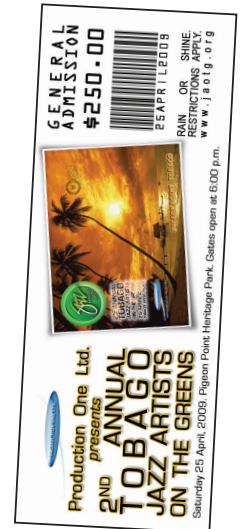
Ticket Information

Ticket prices are **\$250.00** in advance. (US\$40.00)

Tickets are available online NOW at <http://jaotg09tobago.eventbrite.com>

Advance tickets for our **Jazz Artists On The Greens 2009**, Tobago show will go on sale on April 14, 2009, at the following locations in Trinidad and Tobago:

Ticket Outlet	Location & Address	Contact Number
Stecher's Mall Outlets:	Gulf City Mall, San Fernando	(868) 657-6993
	Long Circular Mall, St. James	(868) 628-0987
Nigel R. Khan - Bookseller	Gulf City Mall, Lowlands, Tobago	(868)-660-8155
	Trincity Mall, Trincity	(868)-640-4245
	The Falls at West Mall, Westmoorings	(868) 632-0350
Penny Savers Supermarket	Wilson Road, Scarborough, Tobago	(868) 639-5549
	Milford Road, Canaan, Tobago	(868) 639-8992
	Carnbee, Tobago	(868) 639-8816
R.T. Morshead	Mardon Place, Tobago	(868) 639-8855



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Testimonials

“It may not have the profile of the Plymouth Festival, but Jazz Artists on the Greens is certainly true to its name...Unlike many regional so called jazz festivals with misguided marketing and programmers eyeing loot rather than music...JAOTG presented an entire and unashamed programme of Caribbean Jazz. Judging by the animated patrons...there is a local audience for local jazz.”

—*Sunday Guardian*, March 16, 2008.



“Possibly one of the only two true Jazz Festivals in the Caribbean...last weekend’s Jazz Artist on the Greens proved outstanding.”

—Wayne Bowman *Trinidad Express*, March 19, 2008.



“This show has to be the best kept secret in the Caribbean, it is the only true Jazz Festival I kind think of in the region”

—Ebe Gilkes, Jazz Artist (Barbados)

