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August 9-20: Boubou Is Back With Mc Solaar, Manu Dibango, Toires ...



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The Saint Barth Weekly is happy to be back for its third season. The Weekly is designed for you, to help you put your finger on the pulse of the local community. Featuring an English résumé of the top stories of our French newspaper "Le Journal de Saint Barth", as well as original articles in English, the Saint-Barth Weekly is the only completely English-language newspaper on the island. It comes out every Friday from November through the end of July. Our most exciting news is that each Friday, The Weekly is also available on line at Saint-Barth Online (www.st-barths.com), the wonderful web site that our friends Laurence and Peter O'Keefe created in 1996. Thanks to them, you can now download every edition of the Saint-Barth Weekly, so that no matter where you are in the world, you can stay in contact with the island.

The fifth edition of Boubou's St. Barth Festival will take place from August 9-20 at the Christopher Hotel, whose charming oceanfront location in Pointe Milou will be the home base for the festival throughout the month of August. The last time the festival was held was in 2003, but the recent announcement of the program for 2006 erases any lingering doubts that this musical extravaganza would not be held this year. Approximately 150 artists and technicians are expected for the two portions of the festival: the first from August 9-14 with ethnic sounds, and the second half from August 15-20, which turns more toward African rhythms. It is not a mistake that Yannick Noah, friend and co-founder of the festival, is not listed on the program this year. And not that Boubou and Yannick had a falling out or anything, but as Boubou explained on the waves of Radio Transat, Yannick's schedule is very busy and the month of August is the only time his familial "tribe" can get together. During the dates of the festival, they will be on vacation in the Mediterranean, but that doesn't mean he might not appear as a last-minute guest...

Boubou's fans will note that some of the musicians on the program for 2006 have participated in the past, and will

be happy to welcome back MC Solaar, Manu Dibango, Toires, and Courtney Williams, all "hot" acts at the festival in 2003. MC will return with friends, including DJ Ménélik. Courtney, now known as C-Will, will appear with the New York-based urban rocker Reese. Among the new names on the roster one finds: James

Rented by the festival organizers for the month of August, the hotel will be used to house some of the musicians as well as technicians. There are also special packages available for guests who would like to stay at the festival site (www.boubous-festival.com). Up to 1500 people are expected for the concerts which each have three segments: a first concert from 9:00-10:30pm, following by a second show from 11:00pm-1:00am, followed by a DJ until the wee hours. To limit sound spill, the stage will be facing the ocean, rather than placed with its back to the sea as initially imagined. The swimming pool will be covered completely, in order to accommodate 1500 people.

The hotel restaurant will be operated as a VIP area, open to everyone by reservation. Those going to the festival will be taken to and from the Christopher Hotel via a system of shuttle buses from a central parking lot. Festival tickets (15 euros per evening) and passes will be available as of mid-July at Boubou's Do Brazil restaurant, as well as through the other sponsors of the festival (a full list will be available soon). The Festival will also publish an official program, coordinated by Manu of VIP magazine, and available three weeks before the festival... filled with backstage information about the Festival.



A new location...

Formerly held at the old Sereno Hotel, Boubou's Festival takes place at the Christopher Hôtel this year.



New firefighting equipment for Saint Barth

After acquiring a new fire truck designed for use at the airport, the municipality has also replaced some of the old, and no longer usable, equipment at the principal fire station in Saint Jean. Delivered last Friday, these items include ten new hoses, each roughly 60 feet long, and a reel that allows five hoses of 120 feet each to be

attached to each other. In addition, two hoses and two pre-mixers for foam are now available for fighting hydrocarbon fires. Other new equipment ranges from four cable ramps to cover hoses so that cars do not drive over them and crush them to two air pumps for inflatable "mattresses" that immobilize people injured in a fire.



A Call For Witnesses

Following reports of acts of sexual aggression on the island's beaches over the past few months, the national police have asked for witnesses to step forward. Anyone who was a witness, or victim, of such an act is asked to contact the police headquarters in Corossol. Telephone: 05 90 27 11 70.

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Boubou's St Barth Festival 2006 Program

Wednesday, August 9

Courtney Williams / Reese * Rave Gomez

Thursday, August 10

James Asher * Just Jinger * Toires

Friday, August 11

Toires Live * TBA * DJ Maxx

Saturday, August 12

Courtney Williams / Reese * Just Jinger * Rave Gomez

Sunday, August 13

TBA * James Asher * Jam Session

Monday, August 14

Irie Bean * Dragonfly * Toires

Tuesday, August 15

Les Cochons dans l'Espace * Gnawa Spirit * DJ MC Bob

Wednesday, August 16

MC Solaar + guests * DJ TBA

Thursday, August 17

Dajla * Gnawa Spirit * DJ Boubou

Friday, August 18

Manu Dibango * DJ MC Bob

Saturday, August 19

Les Cochons dans l'Espace * MC Solaar + guests * DJ TBA

Sunday, August 20

Dajla * Manu Dibango * Jam Session

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Forma Form Moves and Becomes FormFitness Saint Barth

Out of commission for just three days, the Forma Form fitness center, run by Sam Chevreul and Christian Fahrner, closed its doors in Gustavia on Monday, May 29 and reopened on Thursday, June 1, in a new building in Lurin. During the course of the move, the center also changed its name, from Forma Form Fitness to FormFitness Saint Barth, and unveiled a new, decidedly modern logo design, just as modern as their modern new facility designed in collaboration with architect Patrick Benaben. This 500-sq meter, two-story octagonal building (which is 200 sq meters larger than the former space) has tinted glass that reveals an ocean view from the inside of the upper floor, yet you cannot see in from the outside. Dedicated to a sense of well-being, the building includes a large classroom of 100 sq meters and a space of 150 sq meters for cardio fitness (22 stations). On the ground floor, there is a 200 sq meter weight lifting room with 40 machines, plus another 100 sq meters used for relaxation areas and dressing rooms. Outside, there is a small café where one can have breakfast, get something to drink, or later in the day, have a light lunch. There is parking available for 20 cars.

This is a big step forward for Sam and Christian, who have been dreaming of such a space since they

bought Forma Form in December 2002. A year and a half ago, they bought a tract of land from France Telecom in Lurin, and envisioned a “temple” for fitness. The octagonal shape was Christ-



ian’s idea: “because it pulls all the energy to the center,” and the architectural plans were done by Patrick Benaben. Because it is open to the

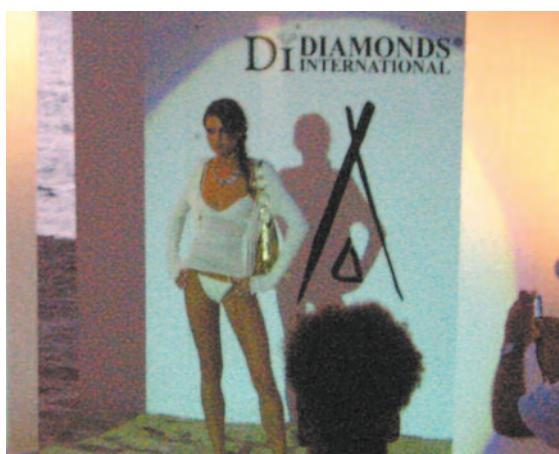
public, the FormFitness octagon meets the most stringent safety codes. It is also environmentally friendly, from the use of gray water for the flowerbeds (sponsored by clients) to the choice of air conditioning. There is also an interesting choice for the floor covering in the cardio and weight lifting rooms: recycled tires. The classroom has a parquet floor made of Wenge, a beautiful wood from Brazil.

Classes for everyone

At the same time as the move, Sam and Christian decided to broaden the range of teaching at the center. As of mid-June there will be a class called “back school,” as well as “light” gym designed for seniors who have asked for such a class. A new instructor with a national diploma, and who worked for many years along side a physical therapist, will teach these classes. FormFitness also plans to get a “Power Plate,” a therapeutic strength and conditioning machine that utilizes whole body vibration therapy principles, the Power Plate[R] substantially improves muscle strength, performance and flexibility, using 97% of the muscles rather than the traditional 40%. Also on the way is an individual Pilates machine, that concentrates more on the upper body than Pilates usually does.

FormFitness is open Monday-Friday from 7:30am-2:30pm and 4:00-8:00pm. Saturday hours are 7:30am-2:30pm.

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