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Baritone Steven LaBrie
during the opera evening,
Friday, January 13

SAINT BARTH MUSIC FESTIVAL: FROM OPERA TO ROCK



Bruno Magras Not A Candidate In March Elections

On Wednesday, January 11, Bruno Magras confirmed his decision to not run in March elections.

Rumors had been flying for weeks. Was Bruno Magras going to run in the territorial elections in March, or not? On the anniversary of his first election to the municipal council on January 11, 1976, Magras made a short speech on the radio and put an end to

the rumors. "I chose this date to announce my decision not to solicit your votes in the next territorial elections," he confirmed. "To those who are disappointed by this decision, I offer my sincere apologies. To those who are rejoicing, I wish them all my best for their success."

and senator. If the double role of senator and president of the Collectivity is allowed, would Michel Magras accept the increased round-trips between the Senate in Paris and Saint Barthélemy?

Stepping down after 12 years as top dog, Magras has left the door wide open. When we went to press, only two lists were official: "Tous pour Saint-Barth" led by Benoit Chauvin, opposition member of the current government, and "Saint-Barth Bleue et Verte," a group including Didier Bensa and Emmanuel Jacques that threw its hat in the ring on January 9 at the Wall House. Other possible candidates include territorial council members Maximes Desouches from the list "Action-Equilibre-Transparence," and Karine Miot-Richard from "Tous Unis Pour Saint-Barthélemy."

Now the big question is who will take his place? Yves Gréaux, Magras' first deputy vice president, penned an "op-ed" piece in the recent UMP newsletter stating: "All those who truly love Saint Barthélemy have a new challenge ahead," he asserted. A few hours after Magras made his announcement, Gréaux was clear about his intentions: "I am at the disposition of the Collectivity and the citizens of Saint Barthélemy if called upon." The second name on everyone's lips is that of Michel Magras, Bruno's younger brother, currently third deputy vice president

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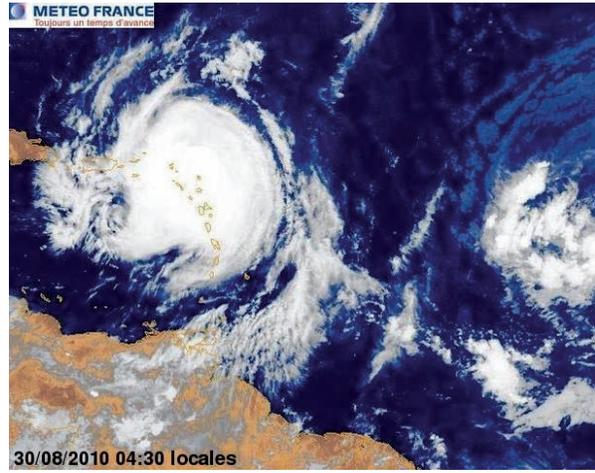
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ALL ABOUT HURRICANES

Alice, Barbara, Donna: The names of lovely ladies, yet also those attributed to devastating hurricanes. In the 1950s, when hurricanes started getting official names, American Army and Navy meteorologists often named them after their wives or girlfriends (after a series with odd names such as Dog or Jig). In 1979, men's names were added to the mix as well (due to the feminist movement perhaps?). As of this week, Espace Météo Caraïbes (on the road above Gus-

tavia) presents an exhibit on tropical hurricanes organized by the Inter-Regional Antilles Guyana Office (DRIAG) of Météo France. This informative exhibit includes approximately 20 panels, illustrated with satellite images, explaining how these quite dangerous climatic events form and evolve, from their physical qualities to how the winds swirl within them. The exhibit also places an accent on the history of hurricanes in the local area, with a map tracing their trajectories. From 1956 to



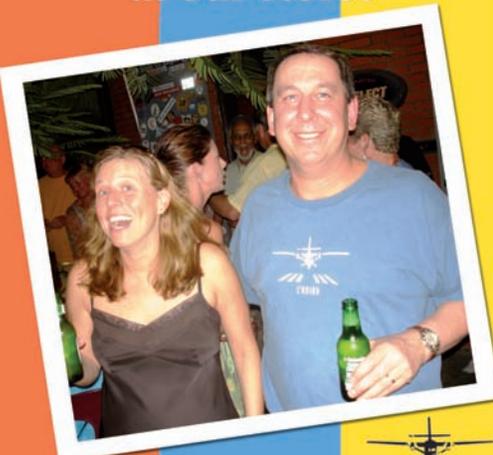
2006, the Northern Islands were hit by 31 hurricanes; less than Guadeloupe which was subject to 87 such storms. "But the Northern Islands are more vulnerable to the largest of these phenomena," explains Yann Gréaux, director of Espace Météo Caraïbes. The most recent hurricane here was Earl, whose path took it just 32 miles to the north of St Barthélemy in August 2010. But the strongest hurricanes to hit the island, such as Luis in 1995, Donna in

1960, or Dog in 1950, have not been forgotten. The list of 21 names rotates each six years (a name is replaced if a storm takes lives), so if a hurricane knocks at our doors in the coming season, it could be called Alberto, Florence, Kirk, or Valerie...

Espace Météo Caraïbes, Gustavia: Free exhibit, open Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm, plus from 2:30-4:30pm on Thursday. Through February 29.

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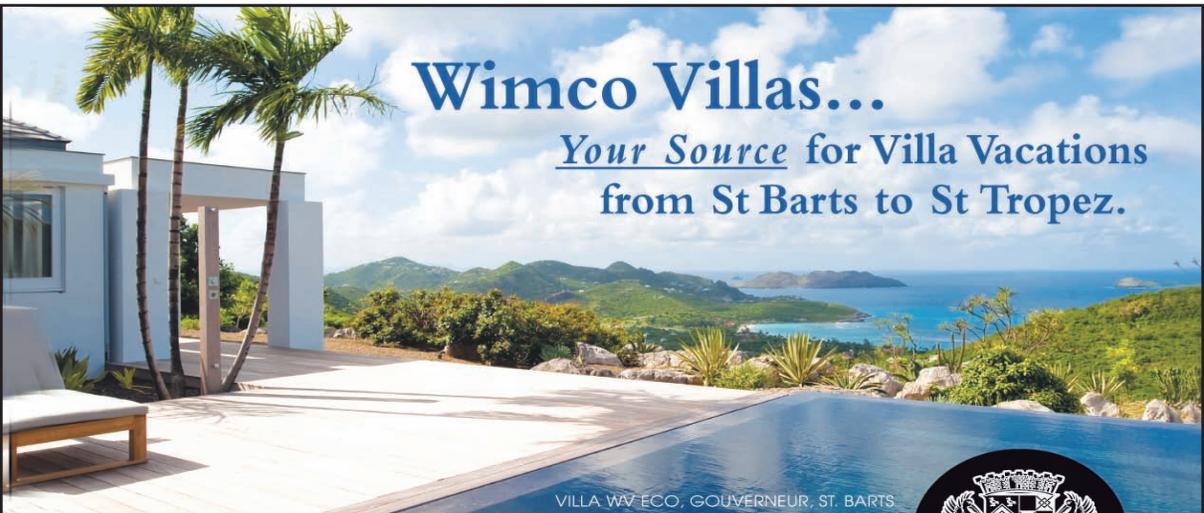
Saint Barth Welcome Desk At Princess Juliana Airport

Tourists in transit for Saint Barth lost in Sint Maarten? The Saint Barth Tourism Committee (CTTSB) is doing something about it... by mid-February a welcome desk will be put into place at Princess Juliana Airport, on the neighboring island of Saint Martin. Located after immigration, near the check-in counters in the baggage hall, the welcome desk will help passengers on the way to Saint Barth find their way without difficulty. "The welcome desk is especially useful for those going by boat," explains Inès Choisy, director of the CTTSB. "Many passengers don't know if they need to get the boat at Marigot or Oyster Pond. And there is nothing at the airport to help them find out." The creation of a welcome desk at Juliana Airport is



something that the tourism industry in Saint Barth has wanted to establish for quite some time, as it will also offer information about the island's hotels and restaurants. At the same time, thanks to new immigration cards at Juliana Airport, the CTTSB will have access to more complete data about its clientele. Regina Labega, head of the Sint Maarten tourist office, responded favorably to the

CTTSB's request for the welcome desk. The project, which began to take shape last June, might eventually comprise four desks, as Sint Maarten, Saint Martin, and Anguilla are considering taking part as well. In the meantime, the Saint Barth welcome desk will be up and running. Construction begins in early February.



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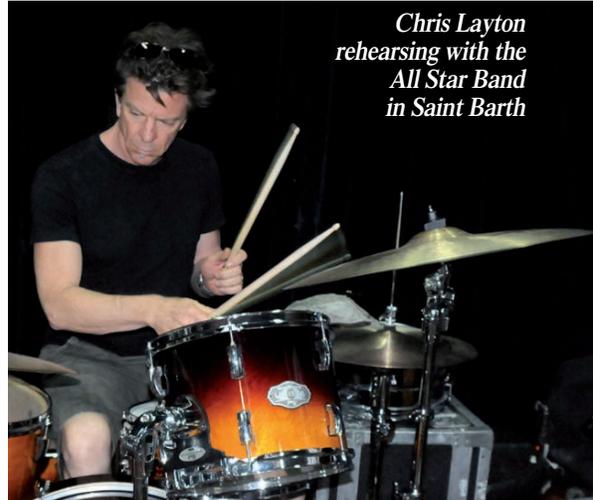
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St Barth Music Festival: Looking Ahead

With the 28th edition of the St Barth Music Festival well underway, there are some exciting events on the horizon. The first week featured the usual roster of all-star musicians playing and singing together at one of the most unusual festivals in the world. But Frances Debroff, festival director, still has some tricks up her sleeve. The biggie is the free rock concert on the dock, Saturday, January 21 at 7pm. One might ask

what a rock concert is doing on the schedule for a classical music festival, but since the program includes jazz and ballet, well why not? So in typical festival style it's not just any rock band, but a group of all stars featuring Brad Whitford of Aerosmith on guitar, along with Russ Irwin on keyboards (who has played with Aerosmith, Sting, Bryan Adams...); Johnny Lang (Grammy Award-winning American blues, gospel, and rock musician from the Jimi Hendrix Experience); Scott Nelson (bass, guitar and keyboards who has played with ZZ Top and Willie Nelson); and drummer Chris Layton (who played with Stevie Ray Vaughan). You'd have to ask DeBroff how she lined up such a band, but they here with road manager Donny Wightman and guitar tech/production supervisor Marco Moine, working with



*Chris Layton
rehearsing with the
All Star Band
in Saint Barth*

Alex Bendahan, the festival's senior sound technician and recording engineer, who is also collaborating with the Saint Barth Film Festival to produce a documentary on the island's traditional music. Production values should be high with a rig from Storm Lighting and Eric Masson's professional sound gear (including a Yamaha M7CL digital console). "This gear will allow a really cool mix," says Bendahan. "The concept

is for a full, clean mix, but not offensively loud. We have enough equipment to make this happen." The band is expected to play a two-hour set including 20 songs from the various bands represented. The Saint Barth Harmony Music School will open the concert, which is part of the festival's endowment campaign, whose goal is to raise 7.5 million dollars to ensure the future of the festival. Now that's looking ahead.

Schedule

Saturday, January 21 - 7pm
Gustavia Pier Free
Free rock concert with
Aerosmith's Brad Whitford
and Russ Irwin, Jonny Lang,
Chris Layton, Scott Nelson,
and Friends.

Friday, January 27 - 8pm
Ajoe, Lorient €30
Dancers from the Paris
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Saturday, January 28 - 8pm
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Advertorial

Stephen Webster At Eden Rock

Jean-Georges has added glitter to the kitchen but there are also other jewels at Eden Rock this season: those of British jewelry designer Stephen Webster, whose pieces have been featured in leading fashion magazines and adorned some of the world's most glamorous stars. Webster's celebrated fine jewelry collections, including his exclusively designed "Eden Rock Rocks Off" sets, are now available at both the Rock-



shop and I Love U boutiques at the Eden Rock hotel in Saint Barth.

A "rock" star in the jewelry world, Webster combines his passion for art, music, and fashion with traditional craftsmanship to produce exquisite and cutting-edge designs. Founder and creative director of Stephen Webster and creative director of Garrard, the world's oldest jewelry house, Webster's distinctive glam-rock attitude combined with an ambience of high-luxe glamour has given way to dramatic creations with an eternally chic aesthetic.

Having received countless coveted jewelry awards, Stephen Webster's industrious talent has placed colored gemstones and fine jewelry back into the spotlight. Meanwhile, his stellar celebrity client roster continues to grow. Over the past few years Webster has designed one-of-a-kind pieces for the likes of Madonna, Sharon Stone, Kate Moss, Jennifer Lopez, Cameron Diaz, Pink and Christina Aguilera. He has also created jewelry for Elton John, Jay Z, Ozzy Osborne, Johnny Depp, Mickey Rourke and Russell Brand to name but a few.

As Webster notes: "For years I have found inspiration for my personal and professional life from the sea. We live in a house on the edge of the White Cliffs of Dover in Kent. My collections, from 'Jewels Verne' to 'In Deep,' have all originated under the sea." This philosophy is ideally suited to Saint Barth, where the sea plays an integral part in the life of the island.



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► Pre-Carnival Parades

Sunday, January 25 :

Third pre-Carnival parade: Sunday, January 25 with the theme "Massai."

Meet in Gustavia on Rue de la Paix (above the Treasury) at 5pm for a 6pm sharp start. The association's atelier is open daily from 5pm, with rehearsal on Saturday at 6pm. Info: Henri at 0690.25.85.59.

P.S: Drivers of all vehicles are asked to drive slowly and carefully, with respect for those who are marching through the streets.

► Through 28, 2012

The 28th Saint Barth Music Festival
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► Through April 29,

"Saint Barth: The History Of Travel," an exhibit based on five themes related to travel and the history of the island, Territorial Museum, Gustavia.

Live Music

► Every Day

(except Monday)

Lunch with resident DJ Maxx-C, Nikki Beach,

► Through January 28

KJ Denhart & the NY unit Band from 9pm to midnight, Bete A Z'Ailes, Gustavia

► Thursday, January 19

- Live concert with Nungan & Papaguyo, 8pm at Strand, Gustavia
- Dana Jared Performance 7pm to 10pm at Le Christopher Hotel
- Diner Cabaret with

showgirls at Ti St Barth,
- Soley, sunset music, La Banane 7 to 9pm, Lorient
- Fire Show around a wood-burning BBQ, Nikki Beach, Saint Jean

► Friday, January 20

- Sunny Side Island with Robb (St Barth Song) & Manu, Acoustic Duo, 9:00pm, La Plage
- Nungan & Papaguyo, 7pm, Taino Restaurant, Christopher Hotel,
- Sweet 'n' Soulful Sunset Serenade with Christine Gordon in the CG Lounge, from 5:00 to 8pm
- Soley, sunset & dinner music, Do Brazil,
- Crazy Week End at Ti St Barth, Pointe Milou
- Evening Live Show by Eila, Nikki Beach St Jean

► Saturday, January 21

Lunch with Sunny Side Island with Robb (St Barth Song) & Manu, Acoustic Duo, 1:00pm, Christopher Hotel, Pointe Milou

- Nungan & Papaguyo, 8pm, at the Tamarin
- The 'Dynamic Duo' Christine Gordon and Dana Jared from 6:30 to 11:30 at La Route Des Boucaniers, Gustavia
- Soley, the best of flamenco to acoustic, 6pm, Bar de L'Oubli
- Crazy Week End at Ti St Barth, Pointe Milou
- Live Music with Christian, from 7pm - 10pm at Taino, Christopher Hotel

► Sunday, January 22

- Brunch with Sunny Side Island with Robb (St Barth Song) & Manu, Acoustic Duo, 11am, Toiny Restaurant.
- Nungan & Papaguyo, 8pm, at Isola, Gustavia
- «Amazing Sunday

Party» 1pm at Nikki Beach, St Jean
- Live concert with Soley & Papaguyo, 8pm, Bonito

► Monday, January 23

- Plastic Boots with Carole, 9pm, Ti St Barth

► Tuesday, January 24

- Live concert with Nungan & Papaguyo, 8pm, Bonito, Gustavia
- Live Music with Christian, 6pm, Bar de l'Oubli
- Sunny Side Island with Robb (St Barth Song) & Manu, Acoustic Duo, 8:30pm, Ti Zouk K'Fé
- Diner Cabaret with showgirls at Ti St Barth
- Soley, sunset & dinner music, Do Brazil

► Wednesday, January 25

- Live concert with Nungan & Papaguyo, 8pm, B4
- Gemma Genazzano &

Joey Scott, Sensual jazzy Latin soul music, Do Brazil, - Diner Cabaret with showgirls, Ti St Barth, Pointe Milou
- Soley, sunset & dinner music, Ti Zouk K'fé

Art Exhibitions

• Through February 1:

Romain Simonnet photographs : Christopher Hôtel, Pointe Milou

• Through January 31:

- Midsummer Night's Dream by Polish artist Piotr Uklanski, Eden Rock Gallery, Saint Jean
- Paintings by "Laurie," at Bar du Village, St Jean
- Raptor & Chimaera: New sculpture by Dave Stevenson at Les Artistes, Gustavia



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2. Terry Clarke from England, Tracy Ryan from New Zealand, and Dundas Golde from South Africa at Le Select
3. Sibil visiting from New York
4. Musicians from the St Barth Music Festival
5. Nick Freudenberg, Wendy and Sylvia Chavkin at the music festival
6. Manu and Robb, (Sunny Side Island) serenading at Le Toiny Sunday brunch
7. A Swedish couple at Le Select



Jazz musicians Reuben Rogers, John Ellis, and Jason Marsalis at the Anglican Church

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