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Boquete Jazz & Blues Festival

The Biggest little Festival of the world!

12th anniversary

Feb 23 - 25, 2018

BJBF Newsletter July 2017





A short, yet not fully complete, preview of the excellent artists to perform at BJBF2018

Hey there again, friends of the Boquete Jazz&Blues Festival, here's what you have been waiting for: A full load of exciting news about BJBF2018, the twelfth edition of the **Biggest Little Festival in the World!**

First of all, let's take a look at the fantastic line up of superb artists who will perform for you at the 2018 festival. Please keep in mind that at this early point in time this isn't final yet, there's more to come, and there might be some changes!

12th Annual **BOQUETE JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL**
 February 23rd-25th 2018
 Garden party February 22nd

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<p>Spyro Gyra True influential jazz legacy</p>	<p>Dwayne Dopsie New Orleans' hottest zydeco player</p>	<p>Otis Taylor An amalgamation of roots styles in their rawest form</p>		
<p>The Nighthawks Legends of blues & roots rock</p>	<p>The Iguanas Combining Rock, R&B, Conjunto & Latin styles</p>	<p>Maria Rivas One of the most versatile voices in Latin America</p>	<p>Magic Dick & Shun Ng Harmonica & guitar with soul & science</p>	



Ian Siegel
British blues
troubadour



Anne Harris
Bluesician violinist



Deanna Bogart
Executive Producer



Lance Anderson
Executive Producer



Samy Sandoval
Panama's famous
accordionist



Malamanya
Rhythms & melodies from
Cuba & Latin America



John Carney
Versatile jazzfusion
guitarist



Charlie Marré
Percussionist
extraordinaire



Rigoberto Coba
Panama's own jazz Big
Band from Chiriqui Province



All these great bands and more surprises ahead! Four days of fantastic music, garden party, street party, jams, art exhibits, the world's greatest coffee and exciting outdoor adventures hosted by artists!

>>> Early bird tickets go on sale July 15th <<<<

For tickets and information: BoqueteJazzAndBluesFestival.com



Other great news - A change of the festival venue

Everybody loved our previous venue, the replica of a Greek-style amphitheater in Boquete's Valle Escondido, no doubt about that. However, as the festival has grown over the years, and we were hitting the capacity limit of the amphitheater we needed to find a new place...and we found it!

BJBF 2018 will take place at the beautiful fairgrounds of the annual Boquete flower&coffee festival on the banks of the Caldera river. It's a large space, situated very close to the city center, just across a bridge over the river.



The fairgrounds will feature a large, state-of-the-art stage plus a smaller one, and showtimes will alternate between the stages. There will be a lot more space for vendors and a lot of space for seating festival visitors, and for them to stroll around during intermissions, plus there are no stairs to climb!

Since the great flower&coffee festival (which draws more than 100,000 visitors every year!) will have taken place just a month earlier in mid-January all the flower displays will still be in full bloom presenting a wonderful sight. You'll love it!

Now, ain't this good news?

We lowered the ticket prices! Check our early-bird offer!

Here are the details:

General admission 3 days for shows at the fairgrounds \$87.50 + Tax & Service Charge

Preferred Seating 3-Day:* Access to preferred shaded seating area at main festival events at the fairgrounds (shaded but not protected from rain) ***\$147.50 + Tax & Service Charge**

Platinum Seating 3-Day:* Limited number of covered, padded seating in front of the stage at main festival events at the fairgrounds ***\$300.00 + Tax & Service Charge**

***Fedora Club Membership:* Limited number of memberships available. Memberships include access to all BJBF events including the fairground, jam sessions and Garden Party. **These are the only all-inclusive tickets available!** In addition, each person will receive a welcome bag containing a commemorative tile, certificate for authentic Panama hat, poster, and the offer of a discounted rate of \$79 incl. breakfast at the Wyndham Albrook Hotel in Panama City valid through 12/31/2018. More details will be published later on our website.
(Over \$630 value!!) ***\$500.00 + Tax & Service Charge*****

Don't miss it!!!

These early bird 3-day tickets for BJBF2018 will go on sale online on July 15th!

Prices will increase on September 1, 2017!

To buy your tickets online please click here:

<https://www.mieventos.com/event-detail/2018bjbf>

***Note:* Local ticket sales are planned to start at the BCP communal theater during the Tuesday markets sessions in mid-August. Please check local announcements for more details.**

Garden party, street party, jam sessions and after hours parties

There is a reason why the Boquete Jazz&Blues Festival is famous for its incredible jam sessions and other additional events: That's where hottest stuff takes place!

Here are some preliminary details:

Street party

*Instead of our traditional New Orleans-style street parade the festival will kick off with a **free-of-charge street party** on Boquete's restaurant-lined upper central avenue on **Thursday, February 22**, with several local bands performing, and you'll certainly also see some of the festival musicians sitting in.*

Garden party

*Our traditional festival garden party will be moved to **Finca Lerida**, a beautiful high-class hotel and coffee farm situated high in the mountains about 7km out of town. Shuttle bus transportation will be provided.*

*Note: The garden party will be held this year in honor of and as a tribute to the late **Mr. Rodolfo Chiari** for his most generous support of Jazz music in New York City. Mr. Chiari, who passed away only recently came from one of Panama's most important families.*

Jam sessions

Our famous and always packed jam sessions are scheduled for Friday night (Baru restaurant), Saturday night (tba) and Sunday night (Mike's Global Grill)

After hours parties

Party animals listen up: For all those who just can't get enough there will be after hours parties at the Ladera hotel starting at 12:30am. There will be no cover charge!

Please check our [website](#) and future newsletters for more details and admission prices.

Festival program

*The detailed day-to-day festival program will be published later via this newsletter and on our website. Just as an appetizer here's a special treat for you to look forward to: Zydeco squeeze-box master **Dwayne Dopsie** will play a 'mano a mano' show with famous Panamanian accordion master **Samy Sandoval** on the main stage on Friday, Feb. 23. An event not to be missed!*

BJBF and the Arts

BJBF is not just about music. As in the years before there will also be displays of the figurative arts with exhibits by Maria Rivas, Al Sprague and others.

In addition, we are very pleased to announce that the world-famous Panamanian painter [Olga Sinclair](#) has agreed to work with up to 200 children on the fairgrounds on Sunday morning, Feb 25!

*Among a lot of other achievements **Olga Sinclair** is famous for breaking a **world record**: On January 18, 2014 in Panama City, Sinclair organized 5,084 children to paint simultaneously for three minutes to break the world record. The piece depicted a set of Canal locks as the event commemorated 100 years of the Panama Canal.*

BJBF Music for Schools program

In the course of this program there will be a show of local students performing on the main stage on Sunday, Feb 25. More details will be published later.

Fundraiser event

This is preliminary information for anybody who happens to be in Boquete in mid-August: There is a fundraising event being planned at the Ladera hotel on August 12 this year. Performing artist will be the well-known duo John Carney (gt) and Carla Kjearby (voc). Stay tuned for more details.

General information for festival visitors

Need to know more about where we're at? Our festival website offers a large amount of information about all things Panama and Boquete, including weather, travel, lodging and touristic information. To check it out please click [here](#).



Boquete hopes to see you in February next year!

That's it for today, folks. I hope this newsletter will get you as excited as we are about the fabulous events ahead! We can't wait to see you here in our beautiful little town of Boquete in the Chiriqui highlands! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us via the email address stated below or via the contact forms on our website which you will reach by clicking [here](#).

Cheers,



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