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21st edition of Carlos Bislip's Jazz Expo celebrates International Jazz Day

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On April 30, 2026, Aruba will come alive with jazz during the 21st edition of Carlos Bislip's Jazz Expo. The event, the longest-running continuous jazz production in Aruba, is held in celebration of UNESCO's International Jazz Day and the closing of Jazz Appreciation Month.

The concert will take place at Scratch Kitchen Aruba (Palm Beach Plaza Mall) at 7:00 pm. The audience can expect a musical journey that moves from classic swing to warm tropical jazz sounds, featuring selections from the Great American Songbook as well as original compositions.



The program includes three main acts:

1. The Caribbean Combo, featuring talented students from the Rufo Wever Music School: Stephanie Quant, Alakina Gonzalez, Aaron Rincon, Renzo Dijkhuizen, Sebastian Sanchez, and Carlos Bislip on vibes.
2. Carlos Bislip Quartet, with Ivan Quandus, Serghio Jansen, Carlos Bislip, and special guest Dr. Mariano Morales Matos from Puerto Rico.
3. Jazz Vocalists, featuring Lucre Houtman, Tabitha Smith-Heemstadt, Solaica Clarinda, Elisabeth Pope, Reanne Ras, Soraine Leonard, Osdelly Lacroes, Placido Hazel, and special guest Ruth Silva from Puerto Rico.

Admission is free and open to the entire community. Guests are asked to bring their own chairs to ensure comfortable seating while enjoying the music in a relaxed atmosphere.

Carlos Bislip, who has kept this tradition alive for more than two decades through his personal initiative, invites all music lovers to attend and support both local and international talent at Scratch Kitchen (J.E. Irausquin Blvd 382A, Noord).

Don't miss it!

