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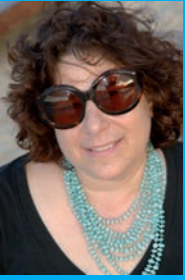
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Music is in the air as St Barth Music Festival celebrates its 36th anniversary. Quite a milestone: one that represents untold hours of work behind the scenes to present a seamless experience for the audience. And many of those hours are put in by volunteers who offer their services to the festival, a non-profit association in the US and in France, and open to donations in euros and dollars to help meet their expenses.

Many of the festivals on the island are non-profit and run by volunteers. The Book and Jazz Festival, St Barth Film Festival, and others exist thanks to the support of the Collectivity and private donors, as well as the great helping hands of the volunteers. So perhaps you can pick your favorite festival and make a donation or lend a hand, everyone would be grateful for the gesture. It's this panoply of special events that makes Saint Barth a special place, a tiny island with a big appetite for art and culture.

Another thing that's special about Saint Barth is the large number of international property owners, so many that in fact there is a non-profit association, Saint Barthélemy Property Owners Association, which holds four annual meetings: this year's dates are January 23, February 20, March 19, and April 9. Plus a special fundraising luncheon at Tamarin on February 28, a wonderful opportunity to donate to a worthy island charity and see the fabulous gardens at Tamarin during the day, as they open especially for this lunchtime event. If you are on island then, it is definitely worth attending.

I hope to see you at some of the festivals and the fundraiser luncheon as the season progresses!

Ellen Lampert-Gréaux

New Year's Eve Parade: A Win For Island Water World

Some years the wind is wild, the seas are rough, it might be raining with large squalls, and the last day of the year is quite a challenge for the boats that set out to sail around the island in the New Year's Eve Parade, an informal regatta organized in support of the sailing school at the Saint Barth Yacht Club. This year, December 31 saw so little wind that the organizers were obliged to change the course, adapting it to start in Gustavia, then sail around Coco, and back to Gustavia. But the lack of wind meant that of the 13 sailboats on the starting line, only six crossed the finish line between Baleine and Pain de Sucre.

"The 24-foot Island Water World Melges24 was the fastest to finish the race, and as the wind fell even more after our start, it did not help the boats that left after we did, such as Phaedo," explains Benoit Meese-maecker, president of the SBYC, who sailed with Island Water World skipper Frits Bus of Saint Martin, and a crew consisting of



Frits Benoit, Olivier Bernaz, and Frits Bus' daughter Birrit Bus. "Frits has participated in the New Year's Eve Regatta for at least 20 years, and it's the first time that Team Island Water World will have its name on the trophy.

"We would like to thank Annelisa Gee and Mark Del Guidice for their valuable help with the organization of this event," says Bérénice Diveu of the SBYC, "as well as all the participants, including Maelia, a boat that did not sail but maintained its registration, for their continued support of the youngsters in the sailing school." For information about becoming a member of the Saint Barth Yacht Club: sbyc@wanadoo.fr



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Saint Barth Music Festival Dances Into The New Year

By Ellen Lampert-Gréaux

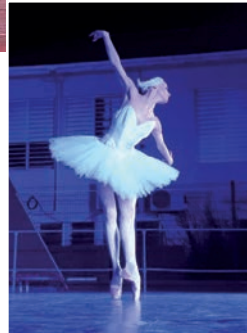
What better event for the first weekend in 2020 than two evenings of ballet performed by a group of excellent dancers from the Paris Opera Ballet? And as festival director Frances DeBroff noted, the Paris Opera has been on strike in recent weeks and we were really lucky to have these dancers in Saint Barth. The festival manages, against great odds, to produce dance on an island where there is no theatre suited to such an endeavor. So they build their own. The tennis court/cinema at AJOE in Lorient became the local dance theatre for two nights, complete with a sprung stage that suits the dancers' needs and lovely lighting using automated fixtures to add visual texture to the movement. In a series of solos and 'pas de deux' by choreographers ranging from the classical Marius Petipa to the contemporary Benjamin Millepied, the dancers from the Paris Opera Ballet put on quite a show, as they pirouetted their way into the hearts of the audience, with a nice crowd each night to applaud their prowess.

What else can one say about this festival, now in its 36th season, that hasn't already been said? From January 14-19, we



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will experience the musical portion of the program, with a mix of classical, chamber music, opera, and jazz. A lot of festival favorites are back, including Alex Klein on oboe, Philip Bush on piano, Jon Manasse on clarinet, Robert Langevin on flute, Jennifer Frautschi, Sandy Yamamoto, Brian Lewis, and Eugene Drucker on violin, Timothy Cobb on bass, and Francis Gouton on cello, among others. What keeps them coming back to Saint Barth for a music festival that takes place in churches? Beyond the obvious of the great tropical setting and the beaches, not to mention the food, there is an undeniable pull to play here, the convivial-



ty of it all, and the excellence of the musicians, referred to as the world's best pick up band... but really an orchestra of

super-talented artists.

Next week the festival continues with the Carmen+ opera evening, a documentary film about opera singer Maria Callas, and the final performance featuring the John Ellis Jazz Quartet, with Ellis back for his 10th festival season!

SCHEDULE:

- ▶ **Tuesday, Jan. 14:** Chamber Music, 7pm, Catholic Church, Gustavia
- ▶ **Wednesday, Jan. 15:**
 - Children's Concert, 5pm, Catholic Church, Lorient
 - Orchestra Concert, 7pm, Catholic Church, Lorient
- ▶ **Thursday, Jan. 16 :** Chamber Music, 7pm Catholic Church, Gustavia

For additional information and the online Festival program: www.stbarthmusicfestival.org/

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News Briefs

Saint Barthelemy International Property Owners Association



SBIPOA president Sue O'Donnell addresses the guests at the Febraury 2019 Fund Raising Luncheon at Tamarin.

In 2007, a group of St. Barth property owners formalized a French non-profit organization, Saint Barthélemy International Property Owners Association (SBIPOA), for the community of international homeowners. Its purpose was simply to provide a forum for discussion, bringing together those who share a common interest in preserving and protecting the quality of

life in St. Barth, but are not French residents. “We provide an opportunity for international owners to meet at least four times a year to exchange accurate information about the island and to become more constructively involved in the community,” says association president Sue O’Donnell.

SBIPOA holds monthly meetings in January, February, March, and April. These meetings feature guest speakers from the island who provide current information and an opportunity for members to ask questions. The January 2020 meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23, at 5:00pm at the Hotel de la Collectivité in Gustavia, with guest speaker Bruno Magras, president of the Collectivité. During the months when no meetings are held, a newsletter containing updated island information is created for members. In addition, the Association holds a fundraising luncheon with proceeds going to a local charity. The 2020 fundraiser will be a luncheon at Tamarin on Friday, February 28, 2020 at the cost of 150€ per person. The organization welcomes all individuals who own property in St. Barth and who are not French citizens, or able to vote. Year-round renters are also eligible to join. SBIPOA is run by an all-volunteer, elected group of owners who serve as board members and officers.

If you are interested in becoming a member or would like additional information please contact the association via email: SBIPOA@outlook.com

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It’s time to declare your business or corporation, including an SCI, and pay the CFAE (Annual Fixed-Fee Contribution For Businesses) for 2020. This can be done online, on the website for the Collectivity (www.comstbarth.fr), or directly at the CFAE office, which is located upstairs at the treasury building in Gustavia. If you got to the office, please present the declaration you received in the mail (you can fill it out once you get there), and pay via credit card, check, or cash. If you pay online via credit card, it is important to note your N° SIRET on the bank transfer information and submit your declaration by mail so that your payment is processed properly. Online payment is open to all businesses and corporations already registered; those recently created cannot pay online the first year. All corporations that are legally located in Saint Barthelemy or conduct ongoing business activity on the island, no matter their corporate structure, must pay the CFAE, before the deadline of March 31, 2020. The amount of the CFAE is a fixed fee of 350€ plus a contribution for each employee of the business as of December 31 of last year. As of April 1, 2020, a penalty of 80% is applied.

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Villa CBA - 2 BR - Grand Cul de Sac 3,900,000 €

Surrounded by stone walls and lush vegetation, Villa Palm is meticulously maintained, with beautiful views of the lagoon and ocean. Parking in front as well as in a garage underneath. Price is negotiable.



Land LUR - 1387m² - Lurin 4,900,000 €

Just above the GUSTAV Hotel, 2 parcels of land. One has an old house to be demolished or renovated, the other parcel is an empty lot. Views over Gustavia, ocean and sunsets.



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Debris In Saint Jean: Patience Required

Building has started on a second incinerator at the trash collection center in Public, and is expected to open in September 2021. Yet there is still a huge pile of debris in Saint Jean and it's only getting bigger.

It's like a thorn in the side of the Collectivity and Dalkia Wastenergy: tons and tons of trash that has been shredded and piled up behind La Savane shopping center (where Marché U is located...). There seems to be no other solution than this open-air eyesore, as the trash collection site in Public gets more debris than it can handle on a daily basis. "We thought that the huge volume of debris was a post-Irma reality, but two years later there is every bit as much," admits Sophie Durand-Olivaud, director of the Collectivity's technical services. The pile of shredded trash in Saint Jean contains primarily construction debris, packing materials, and pallets: it's such bulky objects that seem to keep multiplying.

Since Irma, at least 10 barges have been filled with such debris, and evacuated to Guadeloupe, at the cost of a half a million euros per barge. But that option no longer really exists as Guadeloupe is drastically trying to cut back on its level of such debris, which was used as landfill. Their new policy is not to accept trash from its neighbors, except in the case of massive hurricanes. "In any case, we didn't consider that to be a very satisfying solution, in terms of sending the trash as landfill to Guadeloupe," adds Sophie Durand-Olivaud.

In Public, excavation work has begun on several pieces of land near the site of the new incinerator, which represents an overall investment of 15.5 million euros. The site of the future incinerator



first has to be cleared of the activities there now (treatment and crushing of cars and tires, etc...). Once these things are moved, the pilings in the former pond where the incinerator will be located need to be reinforced in order to build next to the current incinerator. This is a complex project in a limited amount of space, and must be completed without interrupting ongoing services. The new incinerator, which will be better adapted to the kind of trash that is burned there—shredded debris, dried sargassum seaweed, and sludge from the wastewater treatment plants at the hotels—should be in service by 2021, if no delays are encountered.

So do we have to wait until 2021 for the mountain of debris in Saint Jean to disappear? "Dalkia Wastenergy has had an ultimatum since November," notes Sophie Durand-Olivaud. "We still have a small window for evacuations by barge, and should have one

around January 20." That will nowhere near empty the terrain in Saint Jean, but will help reduce the pile. "Maritime shipping is complicated in the Caribbean," adds the technical services director. The barges are not numerous on the high seas, and even less so since one sank full of gravel close to Saint Martin, a few months ago. In addition, there is the loading of the barge in Saint Barth, unloading it in Guadeloupe, etc. "We hope to have a final barge in early 2021, then keep what's left to burn at the new incinerator." There is no miracle solution, and the new U store, which is expected to open on March 3, will have to confront the mountain of debris that remains. Then there is the next hurricane season. "This situation cannot continue. But we have no choice but to be patient," concludes Sophie Durand-Olivaud. Or, better yet, reduce the intake of items that cause such debris in the first place.

2020 St Barth Music Festival

Stop by and you'll be amazed at the quality of the musicians ...

- ▶ January 14: 7pm Chamber Music night / Catholic Church, Gustavia
 - ▶ January 15: 7pm Orchestra Night / Catholic Church, Lorient
 - ▶ January 16: 7pm Chamber Music / Catholic Church, Gustavia
- For additional information and complete programs: stbartsmusicfestival.org

Live Music

▶ **Every Day**
 - DJ set @ Bonito St Barth.
 - DJ Set for lunch @ Pearl Beach

▶ **Thursday January 9**
 - Bagabuzz, big music quiz @ Bagatelle, Gustavia
 - Le Ti 54! Tribute to Studio 54 by the resident DJ Franck N. Performer show at 10pm during dinner. Fancy dress room. DJ after dinner party @ Ti St Barth
 - Sunset Lounge with DJ Set @ Christopher Hotel.
 - Live Music by Soley from 12pm – 2pm @ Lil'Rock

▶ **Friday January 10**
 - "Crazy Ti!" Dinner and clubbing-style dance show. DJ after dinner party and fancy-dress room @ Ti St Barth
 - "Rose Fridays" Music Patris Gero and Al Sax, 12 pm -7pm @ Nikki Beach
 - Nuit Blanche Party. champagne for Ladies @ Bagatelle
 - Friday Friendly After-work - Dj Set from 5pm @ Pearl Beach

▶ **Saturday January 11**
 - Live Music by Soley from 12pm– 2pm @ Lil'Rock
 - Crazy Ti! Dinner and clubbing-style dance show

(show at 10pm) DJ after dinner party and fancy dress room. @ Ti St Barth
 - Bikini Day - Grab you best Bikini and join the Party - DJ set and Fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach, St-Jean
 - Sunset Beach Parties from 6pm - 10pm with DJ Yana at Shellona

▶ **Sunday January 12**
 - Amazing Sundays. Music by Jerome Barthelemy, Patris Gero and Al Sax @ Nikki Beach
 ▶ **Monday January 13**
 - Live Music by Soley from 12pm – 2pm @ Lil'Rock
 - Martin Luther King Week : Adam Falcon & Pat Jones starts at 9pm @ Baz Bar, Gustavia

- Italian Evening, Cucina E Vino from 7pm with Live music @ Christopher Hotel
 - Live Music with Soley for dinner @ Le Sereno

▶ **Tuesday January 14**
 - Gypsy Evening with Soley @ La Casa, Gustavia
 - Martin Luther King Week : Adam Falcon & Pat Jones starts at 9pm @ Baz Bar, Gustavia
 - "The traditional cabaret show of Le Ti St Barth" Dinner-Cabaret Show DJ after dinner party and fancy-dress room @ Ti St Barth

- Live Music by Soley from 12pm – 2pm @ Lil'Rock
 ▶ **Wednesday January 15**
 - Martin Luther King Week : Adam Falcon & Pat Jones starts at 9pm @ Baz Bar, Gustavia
 - "The traditional cabaret show of Le Ti St Barth" Dinner-Cabaret Show. DJ after dinner party and fancy-dress room @ Ti St Barth
 - "Live Music by Carbo" from 7 :30 pm @ Villa Marie, Colombier

TIME OUT

Where to go dancing? See an art exhibit? Listen to live music? Time Out keeps you up to date on local happenings. Let's party !

Night Club

@ Modjo St-Jean
 @ Casa Night Club
 @ Ti St Barth

Fashion Show

▶ **Every lunch**
 @ Pearl Beach
 @ Nikki Beach
 @ Le Barthelemy
 ▶ **Every Tuesday**
 - 6:30 pm at La Cabane, Cheval Blanc
 - Every night (Closed on Sunday & Monday) @ Ti St Barth

Exhibitions

- Space Gallery St Barth : Solo Exhibition: Hugh

Arnold, Agua Vida
 - The Spirit of St Barth, photography by Sebastien Martinon by Space Gallery at Barnes International.
 - Bronze Sculptures at The Collectivity Garden
 - Philippe Savary @ Christopher
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