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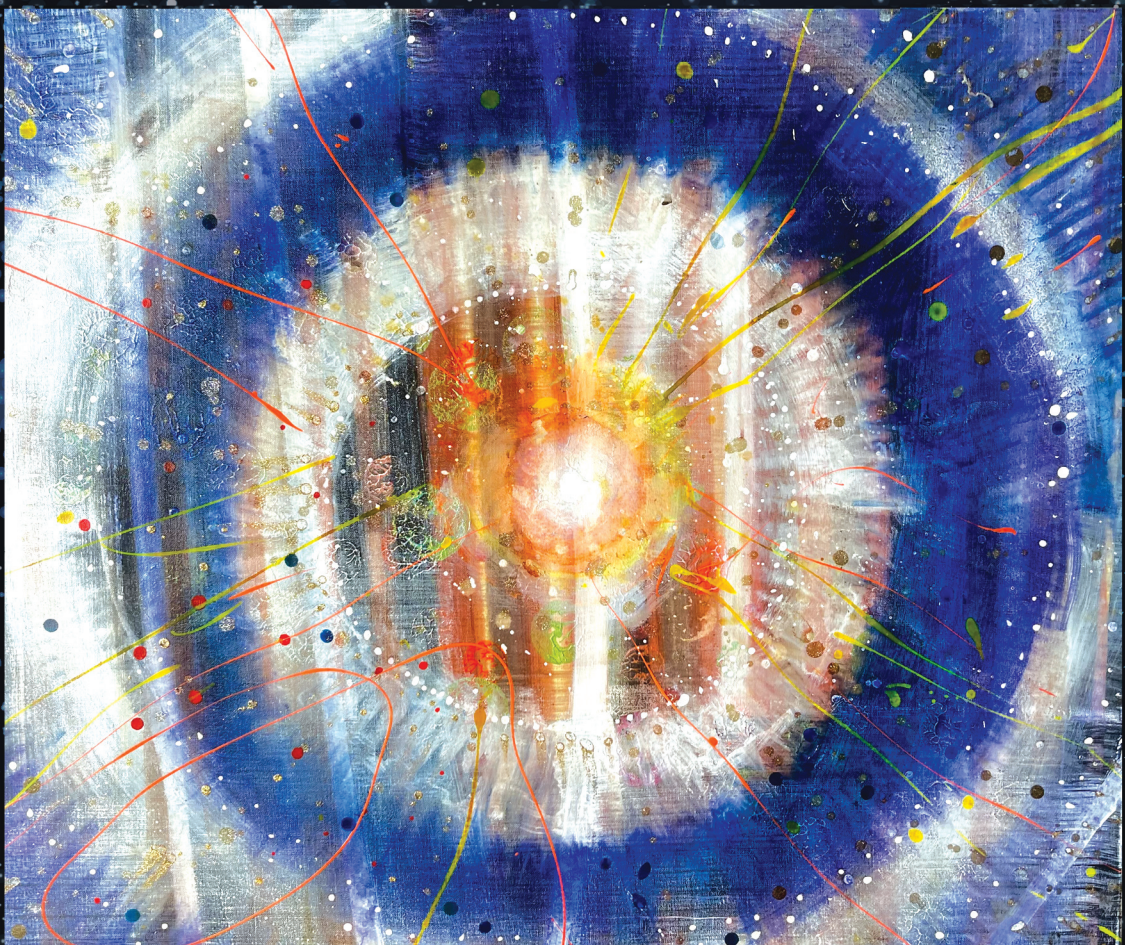
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Happy New Year

MUSIC AND FIREWORKS ON DECEMBER 31



The last Weekly for 2022! Where did the year go, one might ask? I think the biggest change in Saint Barth during 2022 was the election of Xavier Ledée as president of the island's territorial council, replacing Bruno Magras who was mayor, then president, since 1995. Xavier brings the perspective of a younger generation, one that grew up in a very different economic climate than that of Bruno Magras. It will be interesting to see how things play out, as the past few months have had their challenges for the new government, from the fishermen blocking the port to protest high fuel prices to the EDF strike as the employees ask for relief from the high cost of living on the island. Lots of issues to work out, things simmering below the surface behind the glitz and glamour of a holiday destination.

In the meantime, the new year is upon us and will be celebrating in typical Saint Barth fashion with the New Year's Eve Parade of sailboats around the island on the morning of December 31 and concert on the dock from 8pm to the wee hours of the night. From Soca music to DJ Bob Sinclair, it promises to be a big party, sponsored by Diamond Genesis.

Have fun, and remember not to drink and drive.

Happy New Year!

Ellen Lampert-Gréaux



As the final seconds of 2022 tick away on December 31, there will be midnight fireworks at three spots on the island: The Collectivities' display illuminating the skies above the Port Of Gustavia; Hotel Christopher in Pointe Milou; and Eden Rock in Saint Jean.

On the dock in Gustavia, the New Year's Eve festivities start at 8pm with live music and DJ's, including a Soca party with Kenyo Baly from Saint Martin and Alison

Hinds from Barbados, who take the stage at 10pm. Celebrated DJ Bob Sinclair takes the stage after the midnight fireworks (for a two-hour set, confirms the Collectivité). DJ Audrey Simon will finish the portside-festivities as the first night of 2023 heads into the wee hours.

Diamond Genesis is the main sponsor, with their logo featured on the banners for the event and on the stage. Get ready to join them, ushering in the new year in a festive fashion!

CHRISTMAS MUSIC TRUCK

To finish the year on a musical note, the Christmas truck will once again be on the roads on Friday evening, December 30, visiting various neighborhoods on the island before stopping in Gustavia where a crowd always gathers to dance in the street as the music plays!



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Sailing Into The New Year

Since 1995, the main event in Saint Barth on the last day of the year has been The New Year's Eve Parade, a friendly 24-mile around-the-island pursuit race. Open to all, boats of all sizes take part as a prelude to the island's New Year's Eve festivities.

Yacht broker and sailor Mark DelGiudice launched the race in 1995, and returns to Saint Barth for the holiday season and to help the Saint Barth Yacht Club with the organization. "This will be my twenty-

eighth-year sailing around the island on December 31, except for the two years we missed due to hurricane Irma in 2017 and storm conditions in 2020," he says. "A great way to raise funds for the St Barths Yacht Club youth sailing program."

DelGiudice notes that boats confirmed for this year include Symmetry, Ticonderoga, Maelia, Gamelle, and Phaedo. "I've had contact with several of the larger yachts, Visione, Parsifal, and Q, which all hope to participate depending on



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guest schedules and weather conditions," he reports.

"Sailing yachts of all sizes will be arriving over the next couple of days and I will be out on the water with Simon and Beatrice from the Saint Barths Yacht Club handing out invitations to the arriving yachts. Weather conditions are looking favorable for Saturday December 31, with winds out of the ENE 15-20 knots," DelGiudice adds.

The skippers meeting will take place at the St Barths Yacht Club in

Public between 5pm-7pm on Friday December 30. DelGiudice is looking forward to another sail around the island on the 96' Symmetry, with owner Abbott Brown. "My son Julian, daughter Tia, and a great group of St Barth locals will be on-board!," he exclaims.

The real question is if anyone can beat the record of 1 hour, 32 minutes, and 7 seconds set back on December 31, 2004 by the 147' Baltic yacht, Visione? If the winds are strong enough...

Welcome to the 39th season of the

Festival de MUSIQUE de St. Barthélemy

January 6-15, 2023

Friday, January 6 – Opening Night Concert

Trios with Gil SHAHAM, Inon BARNATAN and Kyril ZLOTNIKOV

Gustavia Church – 7pm – \$90

Monday, January 9 – Free Children’s Program

Featuring Jordan MANASSE, Siena RUSKE and the St. Barth Harmony School

Anglican Church – 6pm

Tuesday, January 10 – Small Chamber Concert

Gustavia Church – 7pm – \$40

Wednesday, January 11 – Orchestra Concert

Lorient Church – 7pm – \$40

Thursday, January 12 – Small Chamber Concert

Gustavia Church – 7pm – \$40

Friday, January 13 – Opera Concert

Lorient Church – 8pm – \$75

Saturday, January 14 – All-Star Revue

Anglican Church – 7pm – \$30

Sunday, January 15 – Jazz with John Ellis

Anglican Church – 5pm – \$50



SCAN TO SEE THE
EPROGRAM BOOK

Single tickets and season passes are available from January 2 – 6 at the Bureau of Tourism, on January 8th at the Gustavia Sunday Market, and at every concert venue door. No reservations necessary. Cash or local checks only.

StBartsMusicFestival.org

St Barth Music Festival 2023: Fanfare For Frances!



Gil Shaham ©Chris Lee



Inon-Barnatan ©Marco Borggreve



Kyril Zlotnikov © Felix Broede

What better way to kick off the new year in Saint Barth than with a combination of classical music and jazz at the 39th St Barth Music Festival? Founded by American violinist Frances DeBroff in 1985, the festival brings a cadre of world-class musicians to the island every year in January—sometimes adding ballet to open a schedule that features classical music, jazz, and opera.

But this year starts with something rather special: Fanfare For Frances! This chamber concert on Friday, January 6 features three of the world's best musicians: Gil Shaham, considered the best violinist on the planet at this time; Kyril Zlotnikov, an extraordinary cellist and founder of the Jerusalem Quartet; and on piano Inon Barnatan, an incredible soloist who will leave St Barth to play with the Boston Symphony. "You get the quality we are talking about here?" queries Frances DeBroff. "They are the best in the world, no joke. And they have never played together before! People are coming from all over to hear them play, including our opera conductor,

Steven Mercurio, who is arriving early just to hear them."

How did DeBroff get this stellar troika of musicians to the island? "I worked for five years to make this happen," she recalls. "When I was very active with the Pittsburgh Symphony, I met Gil, who was already one of the most sought-after young musicians. I loved his playing and we had a long discussion. We kept in touch and he finally said he had three days this year, did I want him to come?" The festival founder of course jumped at the chance, bringing Shaham and his family to Saint Barth. "It was worth it to me to do this," she says. "This is my 85th birthday present to myself. It's the humdinger of the festival." Get tickets early for this amazing event, which takes place at the Catholic Church in Gustavia."

Other highlights of the 2023 Festival include a Kid's Concert on January 9 featuring junior musicians including Siena Rusk (daughter of violinist Jennifer Frautschi) and Jordan Manasse (son of clarinetist Jon Manasse). The January 11 Orchestra Concert will be conduct-

ed by Kensho Watanabe, making a return appearance to lead the festival orchestra, which has been referred to as "the best pick up band in the world," as these internationally acclaimed musicians do not play together on a regular basis, or perhaps they have never played together before.

The opera evening on January 13 features soprano Sarah Joy Miller, tenor David Miller, baritone Ed Parks, tenor, baritone Stephen LaBrie, and baritone Luis Lesdema, who will sing a series of operas, under the baton of Maestro Mercurio.

The closing weekend on January 14 and 15 includes the Saturday Extravaganza For Our Heroes & Heroines, sponsored by Sir Stelios Haji-Ioannou, and the Sunday Jazz Concert with John Ellis on saxophone, Reuben Rogers on bass, Michael Rodriguez on trumpet, and Gary Versace on piano. "Bringing 62 people to the island is not a small task," concludes DeBroff.

The 2023 Festival Program is on page 5.



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A NEW PRESIDENT FOR THE HOTELS AND VILLAS ASSOCIATION



During their general assembly on Friday, November 16, the island's Hotels and Villas Association renewed their board of directors. Olivier Leroy, director of the Hotel Christopher St-Barth, was elected president, succeeding Anne Dentel, director of the Eden Rock Villa Rental agency, who held the post since 2007 and is now vice-president. Other board members include Martein van Wagenberg, director of the Rosewood Le Guanahani Hotel, Laurence Georget, director of Le Sereno Hotel, Mareike Hermann, marketing director for Eden Rock – St Barths, et Jean-Philippe Tran-Hau, director of Salines Garden Cottages.

They were all elected for a two-year term. Their mission will consist of coordinating professionals in the hotel and villa

industry with one common goal: “to develop and promote the quality of the options for tourists in respect to the sociocultural and environmental specificities that characterize Saint Barthélemy,” as noted in a press release.

The Hotels and Villas Association comprises 25 members, from independents to luxury 5-star hotels, cottages, bungalows, villa rental agencies, reflecting the diversity of places to stay in St Barth. According to the press release, “the association unites the skills and savoir-faire of its members for a global reflection on the development of tourism on the island and collaborates closely with local entities to define the interests of their profession and contribute to the attractiveness of the destination.” The association was created in 1984 by Remy De Haenen.

PREFECT VINCENT BERTON: TOO MUCH TOLERANCE WHEN IT COMES TO DRUGS

During his first interview with the press after stepping into the role of Prefect for Saint Martin and Saint Barthélemy, Vincent Berton declared that the problems caused by the use of drugs on the island can no longer be ignored and he had a firm intention not to “close his eyes” about the subject. Several months later, this representative of the French government has not changed his tune. “Actions to fight against the use of drugs are, and will continue to be, carried out during the entire tourist season,” he explained during an interview with *Le Journal de Saint Barth* on Friday, December 16. “It is a question of public health but also of safety, when the youth of Saint Barth are implicated,” the prefect insists, adding that “controls” will take place in establishments that are open to the public, and he indicates that the process for an administrative closure is underway for a place in Gustavia.

This will be the second instance, after a night club was closed in early December. “The manager of a business should know how to



control the behavior of their clients,” states Vincent Berton. “I appeal to the sense of responsibility of those in the tourism business. There is a necessity to avoid dangerous behavior. During controls, extremely high levels of alcohol and narcotics are found regularly.” To rely on the gendarmerie brigade in Saint Barth in this fight against drugs, the prefect intends to bring reinforcements to Saint Martin, and Saint Barth “should be able to take advantage.”

At the same time, Vincent Berton feels that the “complex” question of healthcare “is moving forward.” As he explains, “we are making progress on the question of medical evacuations at night. They should start again in 2023, perhaps as soon as March. Things are evolving in a good direction, with a sense of trust.”

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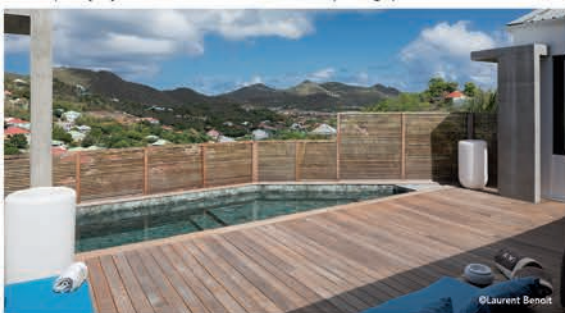
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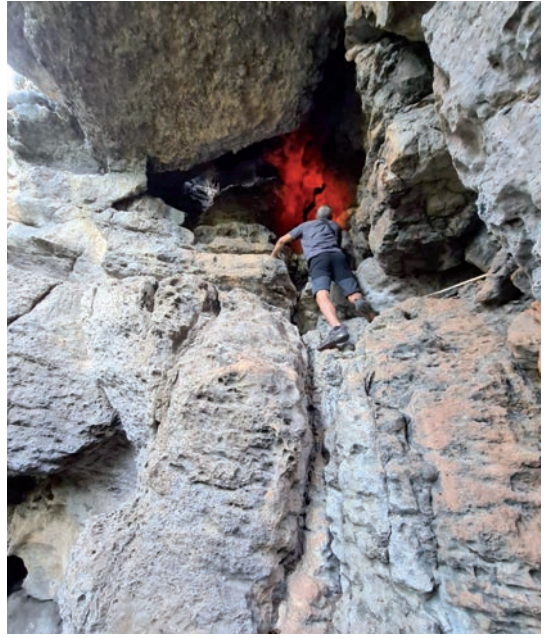
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A SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF BATS

For six days in early December, a scientist from the consulting firm Ardops Environnement in Guadeloupe inspected all the places in Saint Barth known for sheltering bats. The ATE explains that numerous recording devices were placed in different spots around the island and “various listening points were employed every night to be sure the entire island was covered.” The acoustic data that was collected will be analyzed in Guadeloupe.

Concerning the various species found, the ATE notes that “the molossus bats are, without surprise, the most prevalent,” while “the fruit-eating bats in the grotto could not be completely counted because of the chaotic configuration of the location, but the estimation is more than 1,000 bats, which was a nice surprise. But the biggest surprise was to find the monophyllus (Leach's Single Leaf Bat), a nectarivore that had not been seen on the island since 2006.”



A DECK OF CARDS TO DISCOVER THE FAUNA OF SAINT BARTH

If you are still looking for holiday gift ideas, the Territorial Environmental Agency (ATE) has a suggestion. To celebrate their 10th anniversary, they collaborated with the Collectivité and the company Bio Viva, to create a card game featuring the fauna of Saint Barthélemy. Called “Défis Nature,” or “Nature Challenge,” the deck contains 37 cards, each with a photo and description of one of the island’s emblematic species—some of which are protected. Green turtle, tropicbird with red beak, iguana, green-throated hummingbird... Their weight, their size, their lifespan, etc... all detailed in French and English. The play-

ers will use these details as their clues as they try to win the cards from their adversaries during

To make sure that kids on the island play, along with adults, and to make sure that everyone is made more aware about the protection of these species, the ATE offered the card game to every student in the island’s elementary schools. Which means that close to 400 school kids got their first Christmas present in advance.

For those who would like to buy the cards, they are for sale at the ATE’s boutique, which is located at the former weather station, close to the lighthouse above Gustavia. The price is 10€.



friendly “fights.” The ATE selected the species on the cards and points out, “This is really a game for Saint Barth.”

December 31

- New Year's Eve Regatta: It's an annual tradition, but the size of the regatta depends on who's on the island and the weather. Open to sailboats of all sizes (p.4).

- 8pm: New Year's Eve Festivities on the main dock, with live music with Kenyo Baly, Alison Hinds, Bob Sinclair and Audrey Simon. Gustavia

- Nikki Beach: Dance to beats from The Voice France's singer, songwriter and performer, MB14 along with live music with Al Sax. After midnight, a guest DJ set by Claptone, followed by DJ Patris Gero

- Christopher Hotel: Dinner accompanied by live music.

- Ti St Barth: Grand Cabaret Show
- La Case, Cheval Blanc : Dinner accompanied by live music
- Bagatelle : Red Carpet Show

- Dolce Vita, Villa Marie : Dinner accompanied by live music
- Sereno : Dinner accompanied by DJ Blue Iris Records

- Midnight: Fireworks in Gustavia, Saint-Jean & Pointe Milou

Cabaret

• Dinner cabaret show at 9pm @ Ti St Barth

Live Music

► From Thursday to Monday

- Live Music with The Shamans Duo from 7pm to 10pm @ Le Barthélemy

► From Friday to Sunday

- Live Music with The Shamans Duo from 1pm to

3pm @Le Barthélemy

► Thursday December 29

- Welcome to the 80' & 90's Music by Crisologo at Bagatelle, Gustavia

- Dj Set Chill Out ith DJ Stéphane Gentile 6pm-10pm @Manapany

- Sunset Lounge, Music by Sébastien Roche 5pm - 7pm @ Christopher

- Live Music with Stella from 7 pm @ Pearl Beach

- Animation DJ set with vinyls by Philippe Paris, from 7 pm until 11pm at La Case, Cheval Blanc

- Live Music by Natisha & Laurent from 7pm at Arawak café, Gustavia

- Rhythmic journey with Guest DJ Jack E and Nikki Beach Resident DJ, live music by Al Sax and a performance with mentalist, Trickster 12pm-7pm at Nikki Beach

► Friday, December 30

- For Her, music by Crisologo @Bagatelle

- Chill out on the beach's deck, DJ set by Stephane Gentile from 6pm @ Manapany

- Amazing Celebration of Life, with Nikki Beach Resident DJ, live music by Al Sax and a performance with mentalist, Trickster 12pm-7pm @ Nikki Beach

- Apero is French. Special DJ Set with French classics revisited from 7pm & Fashion Show @Arawak café.
- Animation DJ set with vinyls by Philippe Paris, 7pm-11pm at La Case, Cheval Blanc

- Live Music with Zig Zag from 7pm @ Pearl Beach

► Saturday, December 31

- Brasero Lunch 12-4 pm, animated by DJ Stephane Gentile @ Manapany

- Bikini Day @ Pearl Beach

► Sunday, January 1

- Dream through the rhythm of live music under the sun! 12pm - 7pm @ Nikki Beach

- Brasero Lunch animated by our DJ Stephane Gentile, 12pm-4 pm, @ Manapany

► Monday January 2

- Sunset Lounge, Music by Sébastien Roche. 5pm - 7pm @ Christopher

- For an Italian Aperitivo, Soley will be entertaining us with his lyrics and guitar like. 07.30pm-10.30 pm at Al Mare Ristorante, Sereno .

- Hora Feliz, from 7pm @ Arawak café,

► Tuesday January 3

- Chill out. Live music from 7pm @ Arawak

- Enjoy beach beats by Resident DJ 12pm-7pm @ Nikki Beach

► Wednesday January 4

- Unplugged Live Music at Bagatelle

- Beach beats by Resident DJ 12pm-7pm @ Nikki Beach

► Sunday January 8

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Exhibitions

► Until February 11

"Art For Our Oceans" with the work of : Katharina Grosse, Ed Ruscha, Jeppe Hein, Kenny Scharf, Tatiana Trouvé, Julio Le Parc, Jenny Holzer, Jiří Georg Dokoupil, and Rosemarie Trockel @ Wall House Territorial Museum, Gustavia. Free entry

- @ Space Gallery St Barth, Gustavia : Featuring original paintings by Nashe Kadishman as well as a group exhibition with new artists Hannah Polskin, Christopher Martin and favourites Giorgio Pasqualetti, Victor Matthews, Marco Glaviano and more including new

Holiday Gift Guide and collection.

- @ Les Artisans, Gustavia Paintings : Jérémy Kraft, Alain Le Chatelier, Karoline Arcana, Gery Langlais, Tony Caramanico, Stanislas Defize, Peter Car, David Wegman Sculptures : Dave Stevenson and Rosamond Fields.

- Hélène Roger-Viollet at Rémy de Haenen Airport.

- Preserve the Heritage and History of St-Barthélemy @ Le Brigantin, Gustavia.

► Artist's Collection

- Hannah Moser, Cul de Sac
- Kay Quattrocchi, Pointe Milou

► Art Galleries

- Antoine Heckly ArtGallery

- Clic Gallery, Gustavia

- Eden Fine Art St Barts

- Galerie Asie, Gustavia

- Les Artisans, Gustavia

- Camaruche Gallery

- SpaceSBH Gallery

Night Club

@ Modjo St-Jean

@ Casa Night Club

@ Ti St Barth

► Every Day until January 7

- After-dinner dinner party, 11pm-4am, with DJs, dance on the tables and fancy dress room @ Ti St Barth

► Thursday December 29
International Guest Surprise @ La Casa

► Friday, December 30
International Guest Surprise @ La Casa

New Year's Eve

- Opera Gold and the top 5 world DJ @ La Casa

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