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**“ARTS IN THE PLAZA” FESTIVAL RETURNS TO ST MAARTEN  
FOR AN ENCORE ON JANUARY 26, 2011**

**ST. MAARTEN (January 19, 2011)** – To ring in the New Year, St Maarten is raising a toast to arts lovers and culture enthusiasts alike with the second “Arts in the Plaza” at the picturesque Porto Cupecoy, a Mediterranean-inspired waterfront village and marina. On the heels of a hugely successful launch in December 2010, the festival continues to celebrate great works of visual, musical and performing arts by extraordinary artists from St Martin, the Caribbean, and the world.

Scheduled for Wednesday, January 26, 2011, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m., the colorful line-up includes artists and performers such as: Clara Reyes, Roland Richardson, Neville York, Imbali Dance Company, Francis Eck, Jean Vallette, Anastasia Larmonie and Friends, “Versatile,” Tumay Yalcin, Antoine Chapon, Ademar Violenus, “La’Rich,” Robert Dago, Stephanie Tihanyi, Charisse Piper, Cathy Lu, Lorenzo Gomez “Sigma,” Scrim & Rosie, Carey Rickson, Anthony “Pop-Tart” Donker, Magali and Carole.

A prestigious curator committee has been assembled to select the various performers for each of the “Arts in the Plaza” events. The individuals tasked with this are among the most recognized and respected not only in St. Maarten, but also in the Caribbean and worldwide: Clara Reyes, founder of the Imbali Center for Creative Movement; Roland Richardson, the iconic artist often called the “Father of Caribbean Impressionism,” along with wife Laura Richardson; Neville York, one of the most recognized steel drum players in the world; and Thierry Gombs, Director of Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs - St Martin.

“The Arts in the Plaza has quickly become a popular event among both international

travelers and locals," said Reyes. "This month we are thrilled to highlight a new roster of talent whose work deepens appreciation for our vibrant culture, and we are looking forward to continued celebrations in the next few months." To watch video from inaugural "Arts in the Plaza" visit <http://stmaartenlife.com>.

Additionally, event sponsor Moët & Chandon will offer champagne specials and the gourmet restaurants and the shops will stay open late, offering specials of their own. The marina will extend complimentary dockage on festival night for mega-yachts and pleasure-craft visitors from St. Barth's, Anguilla and other marinas.

The event is free and open to the public. The festival will continue through May 2011 with new performances and exhibits each month. A complete listing of featured artists will be announced prior to each event at [www.portocupecoy.com](http://www.portocupecoy.com). For festival updates like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/artsintheplaza](http://www.facebook.com/artsintheplaza). Moët & Chandon, Orient-Express Hotels, La Samanna Resort and Porto Cupecoy are sponsoring the festival.

Developed by Orient Express Hotels Ltd., Porto Cupecoy is a 184-residence luxury seaside village, which is anchored around the most exclusive and upscale marina on the island.

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