

Ruth Paz Foundation

*Saving Children's Lives...
One Child at a Time.*



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SUSAN COWSILL, RANDY JACKSON OF ZEBRA, IRVIN MAYFIELD, JIMMY ROBINSON, DAVIS ROGAN, BILL DAVIS OF DASH RIP ROCK AND OTHERS TO PERFORM AT PAZ FEST II, AN ALL-STAR TRIBUTE TO JONI MITCHELL, CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF THE RUTH PAZ HOSPITAL FOR BURNS AND PEDIATRIC SURGERY!

-Musical Celebration to benefit children's hospital in Honduras-

NEW ORLEANS, LA - August 17, 2010: Michael Paz, New Orleans Music Producer, and Founder of **The Ruth Paz Foundation** which is funding the construction of **The Ruth Paz Hospital for Burns and Pediatric Surgery** in Honduras, Central America announced today **PAZ FEST II** an all-star musical tribute to Joni Mitchell, **Friday, September 3, 2010** at 8pm at the Howlin' Wolf, 907 South Peters Street New Orleans, LA. Tickets are \$20 and are available in advance at Howlin' Wolf Box Office or by calling (504) 529-5844.

A musical tribute to singer songwriter and cultural icon, Joni Mitchell, **Paz Fest II** is also a fundraising celebration for the opening of the **Ruth Paz Hospital for Burns and Pediatric Surgery** in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

Joining the all-star line-up are Beth Patterson, Alexis Marceaux, Ingrid Lucia, DJ G-Cue, Alex McMurray of Royal Fingerbowl, George Porter Jr. of The Meters, Ricky Sebastian, Leslie Smith, The Jesse Boyd Trio, Sharon Martin, Kristen Diablo, Alexandra Scott, Paul Sanchez, Steve Polifka of Milwaukee, Ray Ganacheau, Pat Weathers, Roman Street of Mobile, Alabama and Michael Paz. All will perform Joni Mitchell songs from her amazing catalog.

There will be a concert preview at **Ogden After Hours** at the Ogden Museum on **Thursday, September 2, 2010** from 6-8pm. Free for members or \$10 donation to non-members, benefiting the **Ruth Paz Foundation**. On the same night, the Ogden Museum will also host a book signing for "New Orleans: What Can't Be Lost - 88 Stories and Traditions from the Sacred City," edited by Lee Barclay, photographs by Christopher Porché West.

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Named for Ruth Paz, a US native who dedicated her life to help the underprivileged children of Honduras, the **Ruth Paz Hospital for Burns and Pediatric Surgery** is a program of the *Ruth Paz Foundation*, which has been active in seeking medical treatment for children for over 30 years. *"My mother was an incredible guardian for the children of Honduras and I am honored that the musicians of New Orleans would come together for this important cause,"* said Michael Paz.

Ten years ago a diverse group of musicians and fans gathered at the Howlin' Wolf for Paz Fest 1, a memorable night of music that raised significant funds to support the **Ruth Paz Hospital for Burns and Pediatric Surgery**. A CD of Paz Fest 1 was released and continues to fund this very important project. It can be purchased at <http://www.cdbaby.com/pazfest>. Ten years later, Paz Fest II will celebrate the opening of the hospital and will be recorded for a new Paz Fest II CD.

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About the Ruth Paz Hospital for Burns and Pediatric Surgery

The Ruth Paz Foundation is a non-profit, tax deductible - Status 501 C-3 - charitable organization dedicated in providing life-changing medical care and support to underprivileged Honduran children and their families. Since the 1970's, the Ruth Paz Foundation has enabled the access of marginalized children to specialized burn wound management and congenital birth defect treatments in the United States. The Ruth Paz Foundation is financed predominantly through private funds, with occasional government funds. The goal of the Ruth Paz Hospital for Burn Children and Pediatric Surgery is to deliver burn wound management care to children in Honduras, therefore reducing the overall pediatric morbidity and mortality due to burns nationally. The hospital will also meet the excess demand for pediatric surgeries, decreasing the waiting periods at the regional level. For more information, visit <http://www.ruthpaz.com>.

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