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AMTRAK PRESENTS PAZFEST III FEATURING: ROLAND GUERIN BAND, MUTTS OF THE PLANET, PAUL SANCHEZ, JOHNNY VIDACOVICH, THE HONORABLE SOUTH, BILL LANCTON, SUSAN COWSILL, JIMMY ROBINSON, OTRA, GAL HOLIDAY, AND FROM LAFAYETTE, RODDIE ROMERO, CALEB ELLIOTT AND SAM BROUSSARD, TANDEM AND OTHERS TO PERFORM AT

PAZ FEST III, AN ALL-STAR TRIBUTE TO JONI MITCHELL, TO BENEFIT THE RUTH PAZ HOSPITAL FOR BURNS AND PEDIATRIC SURGERY!

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

NEW ORLEANS, LA – Septemeber 13, 2013: Michael Paz, New Orleans Music Producer, and Founder of **The Ruth Paz Foundation** who funded the construction of the \$1.5 Million **Ruth Paz Hospital for Burns and Pediatric Surgery** in Honduras, announced today **PAZ FEST III** an all-star musical tribute to Joni Mitchell, **Saturday, October 5, 2013** at 8pm at the Howlin' Wolf, 907 South Peters Street New Orleans, LA. Tickets are \$20 and are available in advance at Howlin' Wolf Den or at http://www.TheHowlinWolf.com

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

Joining the all-star line-up are: DJ G-CUE, Mikayla, Christina Friis-Nielson, Chris Atkins, Vida Wakemen, Leslie Smith, Dirk Billie, Sue Tierney-Macnamara, Victor Johnson, Faith Crawford, and Michael Paz and Friends. All will perform Joni Mitchell songs from her amazing catalog.

There will be a concert preview "An Evening With" **Mutts of the Planet** at the **Little Gem Saloon** on **Friday, October 4, 2013** from 8pm-Till. Presented by Amtrak and also benefiting the **Ruth Paz Hospital for Burns and Pediatric Surgery.**

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.

In May of 2000, a diverse group of musicians and fans gathered at the Howlin' Wolf for Paz Fest 1, a memorable night of music that started the fundraising effort to support the **Ruth Paz Hospital for Burns and Pediatric Surgery**. The project broke ground in 2004 and was completed in August 2010. 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. Thirteen years later, Paz Fest III will celebrate the music of **Joni Mitchell** and support hospital and will be recorded for a new recording.

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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

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