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## **MUSICAL LINE UP ANNOUNCED FOR PAZFEST IV**

*New Orleans Tribute to Joni Mitchell to benefit the Ruth Paz Pediatric Surgery and Burn Hospital in San Pedro Sula, Honduras*

**NEW ORLEANS, La. (Aug. 7, 2017)** – Michael Paz, New Orleans Music Producer and Founder of The Ruth Paz Foundation which funded the construction of the \$1.5 million **Ruth Paz Pediatric Surgery and Burn Hospital** in Honduras, announced today the festival lineup for **AMTRAK PRESENTS PAZFEST IV**, an all-star musical tribute to Joni Mitchell, taking place **Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017**, 7-11 p.m. at the beautiful **Civic Theatre New Orleans**. Tickets are \$25 and are available in advance at <http://www.civcnola.com/event/1531984>.

### **Amtrak Presents PazFest IV musical lineup to feature:**

Chuck Mitchell, Judith Owen, Harry Shearer, Tommy Malone, Deacon John w/Sonny Schneidau, Jeff Coffin (Dave Matthews Band/Flecktones), Paul Sanchez, Tonya Boyd-Cannon, A Celebration of Joni Mitchell featuring Kimberly Ford (from Santa Barbara California), Sean Ardoin, Debbie Davis, Matt Perrine, Alex McMurray, Phil DeGruy with Emily Robertson, Leslie Smith, Cary Hudson, Jim McCormick, Renshaw Davies, Henley Douglas, Jr., Krewe de Groove, Brandon Tarricone, Joe Tullos w/Randy Ellis and Kevin Aucoin, Dayna Kurtz, Kevin Stylez, Joshua Thomas, Jahida Esperanza (from Colorado), Enid (From Ottawa Canada), Christina Friis (from Denmark) with Larry Sieberth, Bryan Thomas, Cassie Krebs, Dirk Billie, Fatsy Cline, and surprise guests.

There will be a concert preview at The Ogden Museum of Southern Art Ogden After Hours Music Series on Thursday, Aug. 31, 6-8 p.m., also benefiting the Ruth Paz Hospital for Burns and Pediatric Surgery. Also, three of the acts playing PazFest IV (Krewe de Groove, A Celebration of Joni Mitchell featuring Kimberly Ford, and Joshua Thomas with a special guest appearance by the legendary folk artist Chuck Mitchell) will host an evening of Joni Mitchell music at The Little Gem Saloon on Friday, Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. Chuck Mitchell, who started performing in Detroit in the 1960's, met and married the former Joni Anderson. They performed together in Detroit till they divorced in 1968.

A musical tribute to singer songwriter and legendary composer Joni Mitchell, **PazFest IV** is also a fundraising celebration for the continuing support of the **Ruth Paz Pediatric Surgery and Burn Hospital** in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. The goal of the **Ruth Paz Pediatric Surgery and Burn Hospital** 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 also meets the excess demand for pediatric surgeries, decreasing the waiting periods at the regional level.

Named for Ruth Paz, a US native who dedicated her life to helping the underprivileged children of Honduras, the **Ruth Paz Pediatric Surgery and Burn Hospital** 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 PazFest founder, Michael Paz, who moved to New Orleans in 1971 and has been a part of the New Orleans music scene for over 40 years.

In May of 2000, a diverse group of musicians and fans gathered at the Howlin’ Wolf for PazFest I, a memorable night of music that started the fundraising effort to support the **Ruth Paz Pediatric Surgery and Burn Hospital**. The project broke ground in 2004 and was completed in August 2010. A CD of PazFest I was released and continues to fund this very important project. It can be purchased at <http://www.cdbaby.com/pazfest>. Seventeen years later, PazFest IV will celebrate the music of **Joni Mitchell** as it continues to support the very important work of the hospital.

For more information, visit FaceBook: Ruth Paz Burn and Pediatric Hospital-<http://www.ruthpaz.com>.

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**About the RUTH PAZ PEDIATRIC SURGERY AND BURN HOSPITAL**

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 PEDIATRIC SURGERY AND BURN HOSPITAL** 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.

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