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Artists announced for the 13th annual World Creole Music Festival in Dominica

British born artist Maxi Priest will be amongst the performers at the 13th annual World Creole Music Festival (WCMF) which will be held from 30th October – 1st November 2009 in Dominica, West Indies.

The festival was originally started in 1997 to provide a platform for Creole music and culture and to showcase the talents from Dominica. Local Dominican artists are now joined by acts from across the Caribbean, Europe, Africa and America as the festival has grown in popularity over the years.

The World Creole Music Festival is widely seen as one of the only truly indigenous music events in Dominica and the Eastern Caribbean. The event takes place in the Windsor Park Stadium in Roseau and is one of Dominica's largest annual events.

This year headline acts including Maxi Priest, Morgan Heritage and Patrick St. Eloi will be joined by a number of stars in the Creole world including Swinging Stars, DLUX, Sweet Mickey and local favourite Michele Henderson.

The festival takes place in the lead-up to Dominica's Independence Day celebrations on November 3rd 2009. Some of the Independence events include a heritage day in Colihaut and National Day which promote the different aspects of the island's culture.

Tickets for the World Creole Music Festival are EC\$120 (approx. £28) per day. Early birds can also purchase a three-day ticket for EC\$300 (approx. £70) if booking by 16th October 2009. Tickets can be purchased online at www.wcmfdominica.com.

Tour operator Q Holidays is offering special WCMF packages with prices starting from £969 per person, including all flights, seven nights accommodation and airport transfers. For more information and reservations visit www.gholidays.co.uk or call 0870 720 1127.

For more information or images about the festival and Dominica visit www.discoverdominica.com or call 0800 012 1467.

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