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May Concerts at Jacobi

Includes Māori, Latin Jazz and Slavic Performances



Bronx, New York – North Bronx Healthcare Network (NBHN) Senior Vice President William P. Walsh announced today that Jacobi Medical Center would be hosting several concert performances in the upcoming month of May. The concerts will reflect different international cultures that span the globe from the Maori (a major Polynesian culture of New Zealand) to Slavic Soul to Latin Jazz. They include the following performances:

- <u>Kahurangi: Maori Dance Theatre of New Zealand</u>, Performing May 14th from Noon to 1pm in the Atrium (Building 8).
- <u>Chris Washburne and the Syotos Latin Jazz Band</u>, Performing May 15thfrom Noon to 1pm in the Rotunda, adjacent to the Nurses' Residence (Building 4). This concert will feature songs and lyrics that have been created by Jacobi's own patients and performed by these professional musicians. This is a project of the Medical Center's longstanding partnership with Carnegie Hall.
- <u>Slavic Soul Party and Falu</u>: Performing May 30th from Noon to 1pm in the Rotunda. The event will also include Stroke Screenings for those in attendance. This performance is also facilitated through the Carnegie Hall partnership.

"By bringing musical and dance performances to our facility we provide a beneficial diversion from the stress of illness, therapeutic treatment and the pressure of working in a highly charged environment." Said Mr. Walsh "We encourage our patients, neighbors and partners in the community to come out and enjoy these festive and lively events."

"Through this partnership with Jacobi, we have been able to weave music and health wellness into the fabric of many parts of the hospital. From live performances for the community at large, to a lullaby project with pregnant women, from songwriting with teens who are HIV positive, to bed side performances through a musician's referral service–each supporting the theory that music plays a significant role in the lives of patients, staff, and community members. Together, we believe in the transformative power of music in people's lives." said Ann Gregg, Director of Community Programs at Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute.

The events will be free of charge and open to the public at large. To RSVP for any of these events or have any questions, please call Jacobi's Public Relations Department at (718) 918-4055.

About Jacobi Medical Center

Jacobi Medical Center is part of HHC's North Bronx Healthcare Network, which includes North Central Bronx Hospital. Jacobi is a 457-bed teaching hospital affiliated with the Albert Einstein College of Medicine; the facility offers numerous centers of excellence including its renowned trauma center, multiperson hyperbaric unit, burn center, surgical intensive care unit, stroke center, regional perinatal center, breast health center and bariatric service. Jacobi's new Ambulatory Care Pavilion is a stunning complement to its recently constructed inpatient facility and allows staff to provide outpatients with high-quality care in a modern, state-of-the-art environment.