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Bossa Brasil CD Release Concert jazz it up at Sorrento's in Westfield

WESTFIELD — The popular and hot jazz and blues monthly event invites you celebrate life with a wonderful concert experience on Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. at the Jazz It Up! Music Series at Sorrento Restaurant, located at 631 Central Ave. in Westfield. Acclaimed jazz and blues music ensembles bring you a monthly listening experience that promises to captivate the audience on the last Wednesday of each month at this intimate venue. Come join this month's Jazz It Up! music concert artist Maurício de Souza and Bossa Brasil® as they celebrate with a CD release concert and party by bringing to you a special evening of sophisticated Brazilian music and good food.

Born in Brasília, Brazil, Maurício de Souza is a jazz drummer who easily performs in both traditional jazz and Brazilian jazz styles. His good taste and finesse have allowed him to play in numerous settings with various accomplished musicians. Maurício studied with world renowned jazz

drummer and master teacher, Joe Morello for eight years. He also had a year of private studies with distinguished all-round percussion teacher Glenn Weber. Aside from the inspiration of Mr. Morello, other influential performers include Buddy Rich, Airto Moreira, Dave Weckl, Roy Haynes, and Bill Stewart.

Since settling in Northern New Jersey in 2004, de Souza has been very active in the NY/NJ metropolitan area, performing at some of the finest jazz clubs not only as a side man but also as a band leader. In New York, de Souza has been heard at Smoke Jazz Club, Smalls Jazz Club, Garage Jazz Club, Cornelia St. Cafe, Lenox Lounge, Bar Next Door, Cachaça Jazz N' Samba Club, Cleopatra's Needle, Kitano Hotel, Jule's Bistro, Cutting Room, Via Brasil, Brazil Grill, Village Underground, New York Athletic Club, and Bubby's (Brooklyn) to name a few. Internationally, Maurício has performed in Brasília, Brazil at well known jazz venues. Other performances in-



Maurício de Souza

clude appearances as guest percussionist in numerous orchestral concerts with the Bergen Philharmonic, the Metropolitan Orchestra and the Orquestra Sinfônica do Teatro Nacional Cláudio Santoro de Brasília (Brazil).

De Souza's group, Bossa Brasil® performs the most sophis-

ticated Brazilian music, including the exotic rhythms of the Baião and the Chorinho. The repertoire includes compositions from Brazil's most outstanding artists such as; Tom Jobim, Egberto Gismonti, Roberto Menescal, Milton Nascimento, Edu Lobo, Victor Assis Brasil, Hermeto Pascoal, Baden Powell and Pixinguinha.

The group members include Maurício de Souza on drums, Andrew Beals on alto sax, pianist Carl Viggiani and Gary Mazzaroppi on bass.

This special Jazz It Up concert appearance will be launching the New Jersey release of Maurício de Souza's new Bossa Brasil® album, "Here. There..." through Pulsa Music (a Brazilian record label).

Upcoming Jazz It Up! events include the Latin jazz meets world music sounds of Grupo Yuri in September, a romantic evening with jazz vocalist Karen Egert & Friends in October, a special Thanksgiving concert with blues man extraordinaire Rob Paparozzi & Friends in November and more to come in 2011.

The staff at Sorrento Restaurant,

a long established Westfield eatery and home of the original tomato pie since 1870, welcomes you to this special monthly music concert event where you and your entire family can enjoy entrees from a pizza pie to a full course Italian meal. Seating starts at 6 p.m. and the concert is from 7 to 9 p.m. Plenty of free off street parking is available.

Jazz It Up! concert tickets are priced at \$20 each and include a choice of Music Menu entrée, dessert and a beverage. BYOB is welcome. The evening, a destination for sophisticated singles, couples and families to enjoy life, offers delicious old world cuisine and a unique live music concert experience every month. Advance tickets are available online at BrownPaperTickets.com (enter Jazz It Up Music Series at Sorrento Restaurant for event search). For reservations and information call the Jazz It Up hotline at 908-301-1285.

For venue information call Sorrento Restaurant at 908-232-2642. Good music, good food, good friends, good times at Jazz It Up!

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