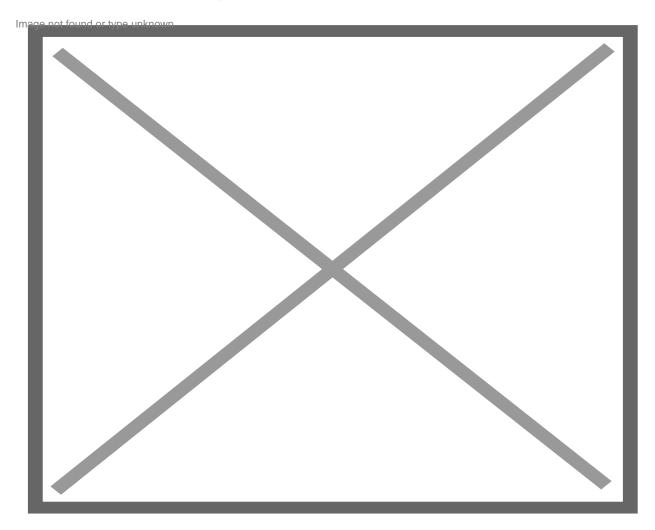
UVI's Reichhold Center for the Arts Kicks off Season Two of RCA Sessions Concert Series With Lourdes & Samp; the Switch

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Lourdes & the Switch By. FACEBOOK

The University of the Virgin Islands' Reichhold Center for the Arts (RCA) will launch season two of RCA Sessions with the heart-lifting sounds of Lourdes & the Switch, a soulful modern Rock band based in St. Thomas, UVI has announced. Beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28, viewers are invited to unwind and enjoy a live, virtual performance via the Reichhold Center Webpage as well as the Facebook Page.

"We are so excited to launch another season of RCA Sessions. It has been a pleasure to bring live entertainment, to music lovers everywhere," said Denise Humphrey, director of Reichhold Center

for the Arts. "Bringing live performances to the people of the Virgin Islands is the vision behind the heart and soul of the Reichhold Center." RCA Sessions was first launched in March of this year to showcase local artists across the territory. The first session showcased the talents of Dublab Reggae as well as local artists Louis Taylor and Friends and the "SHUT" Down Band.

According to the release, Lourdes & the Switch is a "collection" of four individuals from four separate parts of the world who found a common musical bond in the Caribbean. Group members include Lourdes, a singer from the Philippines; Nathan a bassist from Ireland; John, a guitarist from Myrtle Beach; and Cactus, a drummer from Milwaukee. Lourdes & the Switch have played with many stellar local musicians throughout the years, fine-tuning their musical voice.

"As the premier performing arts center of the University of the Virgin Islands, it always brings me great pleasure when the Reichhold Center showcases local and national artists," said Mitchell Neaves, vice president for Institutional Advancement. "These events exemplify the University's continued commitment to serve the Virgin Islands and the greater Caribbean. The first RCA season received positive feedback from the local community, so the Reichhold Center team is planning to expand this programming to St. Croix in the coming months," added Neaves. The RCA Sessions are sponsored by the Virgin Council on the Arts.

For more information on the RCA Sessions or for information on being a guest, contact Denise Humphrey at (340)-693-1552 or dhumphr@uvi.edu or the Public Relations Office at pr@uvi.edu.

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