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Recording Artist Carmelina Lends Talent to Benefit Orphans in Dominican Republic at La Pregunta Arts Café, June 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Seattle, WA / June 22, 2009 – Recording artist Carmelina, who released her debut album "Morena" earlier this month, will lend her talent to benefit Casa Ana - Orphans International's newest project in the Dominican Republic - at a very special event on Thursday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m. at La Pregunta Arts Café.

A Charity Event For Orphans Int'l Dominican Republic
@ La Pregunta Arts Cafe
1528 Amsterdam Ave
(between 135th St & 136th St)
New York, NY 10031
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Tickets are $10.00 at the door. This is an 18+ event.

The night of culture, community fellowship and giving includes spoken word, music and comedy. Presented in association with Capicu Poetry & Cultural Showcase, the event features Carmelina, Cindy SugaRush, Jessie Rose, Dr. Loco and Blaze-A-Page, and is hosted by Papo Swiggity and Divino DeNegro.

All proceeds will go to Orphans International Dominican Republic.

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About Carmelina

Carmelina was born in Barahona, Dominican Republic and now resides in New York City.

Singer/songwriter/producer **Carmelina** first appeared on the national music scene in the summer of 2008 with the release of her first single **"Mueve Las Caderas,"** a rhythmic modern Pop/R&B track infused with tropical elements and dynamic harmonies. The song became the **#1 listened to track on LALA.com** and led **ASCAP Latino** to highlight **Carmelina's album "Morena"** (Morena Records, June 9, 2009) as one of the most anticipated albums of the coming year.

She's warm, bubbly and easy-going, but there's something deeply sensitive and determined about **Carmelina** – you may witness her inner passion and strength reflected in her debut album **"Morena"** (Morena Records, June 9, 2009), in which she collaborates with former **Trackmaster Curt Gowdy**, **Game G** and **Coptic**. **Carmelina** penned the entire album and co-produced three of the twelve tracks.

"I was heavily involved in all facets of this album and it has been a labor of love, literally,"

muses **Carmelina**. "Usually after writing some lyrics, I already knew in my head how the music should sound. The producer and I would sit and share ideas about instrumental influences and that became our blueprint."

"Since I was a little girl I wanted to sing and dance and my family always encouraged me to explore my creativity. At home we listened to Merengue, Salsa and Bachata but outside the base line of hip-hop rattled my window. It's that baseline and a combination of tropical elements that has become a signature of my Pop/R&B sound," explains **Carmelina**.

Carmelina has appeared in the pages of *Defining Trends Magazine* and *El Especial Newspaper*. Online features include Sparkleshelf.com, Dominicantoday.com, Pontealdia.com, Mijamag.com, Ahorre.com and Corrientelatina.com. She also recently appeared alongside **Sesame Street icon "Maria"** (Sonia Manzano) at the **Children's Aid Society** to raise funds for New York Public Schools in lieu of budget cuts.

About Casa Ana

Casa Ana Group established Casa Ana, a family care center to help local orphaned and abandoned children become engaged in their community in a positive way, while excelling in a specialized curriculum. It is a safe haven where family values and individual empowerment will help nurture responsible and productive citizens for a better society. Children are exposed to the benefits of educational progress and social responsibility. We strive to instill in them hope for a brighter future.

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