

## **The Lowrider Band replaces Lila Downs this Thursday at Santa Monica Pier Twilight Dance Series**

The Lowrider Band, featuring original founding members Howard E. Scott on guitar and vocals, Lee Oskar, Harmonica, Harold Brown, drums and vocals, and bass player B.B. Dickerson, will step in for an ailing Lila Downs (see below) this Thursday, August 27, on the Santa Monica Pier.

The Lowrider Band sprung from its roots in Long Beach, with a hybrid sound born in the racially-mixed ghettos of Los Angeles. Their music crosses over and combines many styles and genres; funk, Latin music, R&B, rock and jazz. The band has always transcended racial and cultural boundaries with their musical melting pot and multi-ethnic line-up.

They will play all their million selling smash hits: Spill the Wine, Slippin into Darkness, The Cisco Kid, The World is a Ghetto, All Day Music, Me and Baby Brother, Why Cant We Be Friends and of course Lowrider, the universal anthem from which they take their name. These songs have provided an essential foundation for spreading their message of brotherhood and harmony, with the hip-hop generation building on samples of these songs to perpetuate the values of these brown-eyed soul pioneers.

Very Be Careful will still open the show at 7:00 p.m. The Lowrider Band will play at 8:15. The concert is free, for all-ages and families and part of the 25th Anniversary Santa Monica Pier Twilight Dance Series.

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Lila's announcement and personal message:

August 23rd, 2009

It is with much regret that we announce Lila Downs must cancel her August 2009 scheduled performances. Ms. Downs suffered an acute appendicitis on August 22nd and underwent emergency surgery in the early morning of the 23rd.

Ms. Downs is doing well after a successful appendectomy, but the medical diagnosis and treatment prohibits her from performing until she is completely healed.

Ms. Downs was looking forward to performing at such wonderful venues and festivals, and is disappointed that she's not able to be there.

For those people wanting to send get well wishes, please send to:

Lila Downs

P.O. Box 332

New York, NY 10002

Thank you for your understanding.

A personal note from Lila:

Me encuentro un poco hinchada y somnolienta pero fuerte como un aguila despues de me echaron cuchillo en esta maana de agosto. A causa de esta operacin tuvimos que cancelar una gira importante para nosotros aquen los Estados Unidos. Ya sal con bien gracias a Dios de esta apendicitis.

I am a little swollen and sleepy but strong and thankful for a successful operation of appendicitis here in New York. Unfortunately for this reason we needed to cancel our concerts this week in the U.S., but soon enough we'll be out there doin' our thing.

Thanks, Lila