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Concert organized to help Mujer

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ACCLAIMED South Asian jazz artist Nandita Dias organized a music concert—Mujer Benefit—to raise funds for Mujer, a Canadian non-profit organization, on March 23 in downtown Toronto's Plaza Flamingo Club with hip-hop Activist Raoul Juneja aka Dee-jay Ra. Mujer operates to promote representation of Latin American, aboriginal and African descendant women at all social and political levels within the Canadian society.

Held shortly after March International Women's Week, the concert was sponsored in part by Juneja's Lyrical Knockout entertainment company. It featured Cuban guitarist Luis Mario Ochoa and Indian tabla artist Ahilan K. who performed alongside Dias.

Dias has been singing and writing songs in Spanish, Portuguese, French and various Indian languages since the age of ten. Her music has often been described as jazz without borders. She has featured at international venues such as Jazz by the Bay in India and the Jazz Cafe in Costa Rica. In Canada, Dias has performed at Roy Thompson Hall, the Harbourfront, the Arbor Room in Toronto and at Biddles Jazz Club in Montreal.



Deejay Ra with Nandita Dias