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**UNESCO Acknowledges High Quality of Cuban Jazz Musicians**

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Havana, May 1 (Prensa Latina) The celebrations on the International Day of Jazz held in Cuba are an acknowledgement of the high quality of Cuban jazz musicians by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The statement was made by UNESCO General Director Irina Bokova during his visit to Havana, which also coincided with the 70th anniversary of Cuba's membership in that UN agency.

At a meeting with Culture Minister Abel Prieto, the two officials agreed that jazz sends a message of non-aggression and it is a chant to the confluence of cultures and peoples.

Bokova also confirmed that relations between Cuba and UNESCO are developing at the highest level and will continue to strengthen.

During a tour of Old Havana, Bokova lauded the restoration works being carried out by City Historian Eusebio Leal in the historic heart of the Cuban capital.

Leal, in turn, decorated Bokova with a commemorative medal granted by the City Historian's Office when a major restoration work is completed.