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**Extract 1**

**Triple J. Twenty-six minutes past nine. Art and music are fundamental to indigenous people all over the world as an expression of their connection to their communities and the land and also as a tool for learning and also cultural maintenance. And the Festival of Pacific Arts which is held every 4 years hosted by one of the 27 Pacific Island Nations has a chance to celebrate and nurture these particular cultural festivals and cultural practices. This year New Caledonia is the host country for the eighth Festival of Pacific Arts and Triple J's Jaslyn Hall is there to soak up the rather diverse and exciting program and she joins us online this morning from New Caledonia.**

**“G'day Jas”**

**“G'day to you Bonjour Francis”**

***“(laughing) New Caledonia, now give us some sort of a picture of what it's like, paint a picture for us of what it's like, because you know we have many ideas of what it might be like it being its French influence and its Pacific influence but tell us what it's like where you are today.”***

**“Well they say that New Caledonia and Noumea especially is the island closest to Paradise and I think they’re pretty spot on, it’s absolutely marvellous. Where I am is in a little bay called Anse Vata in Noumea and I’m actually in the gardens of the South Pacific Commission and just over the road is the most beautiful, beautiful blue sea, the staggering mountains which just seem to reach up to the sky. As you say it’s a real mix here of the European/French influence but also the Melanesian and the Polynesian and the Indonesian influence as well. So, as you can imagine the food is just absolutely fantastic and very diverse. The palm trees and right now because it’s festival time there’s just music and sounds of birds and it’s just, it’s just, brilliant it really is a gorgeous day. I woke up this morning, went for a swim and I said to my host family “Oh! Another beautiful day” and Jeanette said “Yes, it’s another beautiful day”.**

***“(laughing) Jaslyn the opening ceremony for the Pacific Arts Festival Islands Arts festival was actually delayed for a couple of days, why was that?”***

**“Well, well it was delayed because of rain and it was also delayed because I didn’t arrive in town ’til Thursday so they were waiting for Triple J, *(laughing)* and, but it got off to a magnificent start. It was choreographed by the Australian Aboriginal choreographer Raymond Blanco and he was working with a team of six professional dancers from New Caledonia and 500 school children, aged between 9 and 10 and Francis, they usually say, ‘stay away from working with children and animals’ and I think the saying is right. It was a little bit chaotic, I must admit, but *(laughing)* the ceremony did begin. It began in darkness with the sounds of the Conch shell from the four corners of the stadium and a call out to the 27 island nations, and Francis, I’d just like to play you that now, you’ll hear the man Jacques Kare calling to the Pacific Nations. *(A recording of the opening ceremony is now playing***

*and the cries of Jacques Kare calling to the Pacific Nations.) So Francis, extremely powerful opening which really highlighted the theme of this year's festival which is 'Words of Yesterday, Words of Today and Words of Tomorrow' one of exchange in how Pacific cultures can move forward together."*

**"Jaslyn what are some of the highlights on the program for the Pacific Island Arts Festival?"**

**"Francis, every day is a highlight. (*laughing*) The highlight is to get to see some dancing if you can, each Pacific Nation has a history of culture of dance and they have brought these amazing drummers with them. So if you can get to any delegation that has any drumming and dancing get there if you can. Second highlight try and hear some singing. There are many choirs here and indeed in my show tonight I have the entire Tokelau choir which I think numbers about 20. So they'll be in the garden singing this morning but really I think it's just soaking up the atmosphere of culture here."**

**"Jaslyn, you are broadcasting from Noumea tonight from New Caledonia from the Festival of Pacific Arts so people can tune in here in Australia at 10pm their local time to catch, I guess a real great showbag of fantastic sounds and vibe from the Pacific."**

**"They certainly can and we've just got something to play us out to get us in the mood for tonight's broadcast where I will have bands and live guests but I'd just like to say that the Australian delegation here has been so well received. The artistic director is Rea who is a visual artist and we have highlighting the theme of the festival we really have a diverse group here and just really briefly *Black Boy* was a hit in the eighties *Black Boy* by Coloured Stone, and Coloured Stone received when they played in the village a couple of days ago**

received a really rousing welcome and Buna Lawrie the leader and founder of, the singer and founder of Coloured Stone began to cry, and it was just an absolutely magic, magic moment for all the Australians here I think we all started to cry too. But we're gunna leave you Francis with a Rapa Nui band and I'll say 'au revoir' and speak to you tonight."

"Au revoir Jaslyn"

"Here they are" (*Music begins to play*)

"The sound of the Festival of the Pacific Arts which is being held in New Caledonia at the moment and tonight on The World Music Show broadcasting live from Noumea in New Caledonia Jaslyn Hall from 10pm with a line-up of bands, guests and all the artists and colour and movement from the eighth Festival of Pacific Arts. Tune in from 10 tonight here on Triple J to be part of it.