

FEST' NAPUAN

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INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS CONDITIONS AND SELECTION CRITERIA DECEMBER 8 - 16, 2017

The Fest'Napuan Committee and its supporting Fest'Napuan Association have been organizing Fest'Napuan, one of the region's premiere music festivals, on an annual basis since 1996 in partnership with the Vanuatu Kaljoral Senta. Each year the committee organizes and facilitates this free public concert in Port Vila, Vanuatu. During Fest'Napuan 2016, the festival attracted an audience of approximately 5,000+ people each day. The Fest'Napuan Committee and its supporting Fest'Napuan Association are registered as a non-profit organization and it is comprised entirely of volunteers who are passionate about supporting the development of musicians in the region.

Fest'Napuan was created to encourage international artists to perform alongside local Ni-Vanuatu artists and to allow for cultural / musical exchange as well as providing an increased opportunity for exposure and promotion of all artists participating. This year, Fest'Napuan is being planned in coordination with the Van2017 Pacific Games, which will draw an audience from around the region.

The application form is compulsory for international artists seeking consideration to play at the Fest'Napuan music festival in 2017 by the Fest'Napuan Committee. All interested International Artists are encouraged to apply after reading through the conditions and criteria for selection below:



(Pictures from Fest'Napuan 2016)

SELECTION CRITERIA USED BY FEST'NAPUAN COMMITTEE

QUALITY OF MUSIC (JUDGED BY SAMPLES SUBMITTED) - 25%

INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE - 10%

DOMESTIC PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE - 5%

DIVERSITY / CREATIVITY OF MUSIC OR GENRE - 15%

POPULARITY ONLINE - FB FOLLOWERS, YOUTUBE OR SOUNDCLOUD VIEWS - 10%

APPEALING ACT FOR VANUATU - HAS NOT RECENTLY PERFORMED AT FN, ETC - 10%

POTENTIAL EXPENSES OR FUNDING SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATION - 25%

CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA FOR INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS

1. AVAILABILITY TO PERFORM DURING FESTIVAL DATES IN VANUATU

This year's festival will take place **Friday December 8th - , 16th December 2017**. International Artists **MUST** be available to travel to the nation of Vanuatu and perform at the festival.

Applying artists should have the necessary valid passports and documentation required to travel – or confirm that they are in the process of obtaining any needed passports or travel documentation. For information pertaining to visas for Vanuatu, please refer to the government website below:

<https://governmentofvanuatu.gov.vu/202-immigration-entry-visa-visitor-visa-form.html>

2. QUALITY OF MUSIC / EXPERIENCE OF INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS

Strong consideration will be given to International Artists who have demonstrated a professional ability to perform in front of large audiences during live events. Experienced artists who have performed in other festivals or who have made frequent performances abroad are encouraged to apply. International Artists who have recorded their music professionally are encouraged to apply.

Submission of a online link(s) to samples of the artist's music / live performances (through popular websites such SoundCloud, YouTube, Facebook) is required for consideration by the Fest'Napuan 2017 Committee OR a sample song from the International Artist may be submitted for consideration (song should be in MP3 file format less than 8MB in file size– sent in a separate email with the subject clearly stating the name of the artist and the song OR can be submitted by file transfer sites such as Google Drive and DropBox). More instructions regarding submission of sample music / performances are listed towards the end of this application.

Sample / promotional songs shared with the Fest'Napuan 2017 Committee by International Artists may be shared for promotional purposes online and locally within Vanuatu via radio broadcast, etc. as part of the promotional lead up to the event and to familiarize local audiences with the material of International Artists. Sample / promotional songs will not be sold by the Fest'Napuan 2017 Committee. If any International Artist(s) or their representation has an International Artist Profile / "Artist CV", please email this document or share online link to document via application form.

International Artists may be requested to participate in small capacity building workshops encouraging local Ni-Vanuatu youth musicians. Willingness to encourage local youth through music related workshop or jam sessions is viewed favorably by Fest'Napuan committee.

3. FLEXIBILITY WITH PROGRAMME SCHEDULING

Preference is given to **International Artists applying that are available and willing to perform on ANY date between December 8th - 16th and at ANY time between 4PM – 10 PM** in the evening as part of the program schedule.

The Fest'Napuan Committee may not be able to cater to requests from International Artists requesting to perform on a particular night of the festival due to preferred travel arrangements. Preference is given to those artists who are flexible with their travel logistics and who are able to perform on any night of the festival.

The Fest'Napuan Committee traditionally attempts to create a program for the festival that alternates performances between local Ni-Vanuatu musical artists and International artists throughout the show, for entertainment purposes (maintaining an interesting and diverse show). In the past, many International Artist groups have requested to play only on Friday or Saturday night due to their travel logistics or due to their work commitments and this has greatly affected the amount of available space for local Ni-Vanuatu artists to perform on these nights. Requesting to play on only one particular night of the festival is highly discouraged.

The Fest'Napuan 2017 Committee will attempt to create a balanced program featuring International Artists performing at prominent play times after considering the various criteria met by participating artists, both domestic and international. The Fest'Napuan 2017 Committee alone reserves the right to create the final program for the music festival and will circulate a draft program for confirmed International Artists at least 6 weeks before the music festival in order for sufficient time to arrange travel logistics.

Should travel arrangements for International Artists change for any reason (including problems experienced due to mechanical failure of plane or weather delays related to air travel) the Fest'Napuan 2017 Committee reserves the right to cancel the performance or alter the draft program and reschedule the International Artists to perform at another available time slot if possible.

4. LENGTH OF PERFORMANCE

Each band or artist is allocated a maximum of **1 hour on stage (including set-up time and time for removal of gear)**. This includes **up to 15 minutes** only to set up instruments on stage before the performance and the small amount of time required removing all instruments and gear from the stage.

Allocated performance time on stage is between 30 - 45 minutes. Preferred performance time is exactly 45 minutes.

Towards the end of the allocated performance time, the Fest'Napuan 2017 Stage Manager will signal to the International Artist(s) to begin wrapping up. It is required that International Artists plan properly and time their show appropriately to make sure that it falls within the allocated performance time requirements.

No International Artist should perform for less than 30 minutes. If any International Artist(s) ignore or fail to observe the Stage Manager's cue to end their performance and they perform in excess of 45 minutes, the Fest'Napuan 2017 Committee reserves the right to stop the performance in order to maintain enough time in the schedule to allow the opportunity for remaining artists to perform as well.

Some International Acts may be allocated 2 performance times on different days, should the Fest'Napuan 2017 and International Artists agree to this.

5. PUNCTUALITY OF PERFORMANCE

International Artist(s) MUST check-in with Fest'Napuan 2017 Committee at the performance area in Port Vila at least 1 HOUR BEFORE THEIR SCHEDULED PERFORMANCE TIME. If domestic or international artists fail to check-in to the backstage area 1 hour before the show, FEST'NAPUAN 2017 RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE ACT IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE FULL PROGRAM CAN BE COMPLETED AS SCHEDULED. Please ensure that all artists maintain a high standard of professionalism and report to Fest'Napuan 2017 officials at the performance area 1 hour before their scheduled performance time.

The Fest'Napuan Committee can assist in arranging transport for international artists between their accommodation and the performance venue, but request that the International Artists are prepared to arrive at performance area and check in 1 hour before their scheduled performance time.

If, for any reason, there are deviations or delays in the Fest'Napuan 2017 scheduled program during the event itself, the International Artists are still responsible for remaining within the locality of the performance area, consulting with officials from Fest'Napuan 2017 and ensuring that they report to the performance area at least 1 hour before their performance. Artists arriving late to the event or those who fail to check-in at the immediate performance area on time may have their performance canceled completely WITHOUT the possibility of rescheduling another performance time, should there be no available space within the program.

6. POPULARITY OF ARTISTS

The Fest'Napuan 2017 Committee will consider the popularity of applying International Artists as part of its selection criteria. Awards or special recognition, amount of followers / fans on social media, web traffic for posted media content will be reviewed and considered amongst all applications.

The Fest'Napuan 2017 Committee will perform an informal assessment of the popularity of the International Artist domestically within Vanuatu as well and this will also be considered and may prove favorable in the selection process. *Note- applying artists do not necessarily need to have an established fan base in Vanuatu; popularity within their own region and country will also be noted.*

7. DIVERSITY OF MUSIC

The Fest'Napuan 2017 Committee attempts to promote a large and diverse range of musical talent throughout the festival, and ALL GENRES OF MUSIC, not necessarily those genres that are popular or familiar within Vanuatu and the region, are encouraged to apply. Diversity of musical genres is encouraged and can be a favorable selection criteria factor for artists applying.

The Fest'Napuan 2017 Committee encourages diversity and respect among applicants and participants in the festival regardless of nationality, race, gender, age, religion or political affiliation. Different artists will be invited from a mix of different countries to ensure for an interesting and diverse show. Diversity among musical experience of International Artist applicants is also welcome. Some artists may have well-established careers while others are just beginning professionally.

8. ORIGINALITY OF MUSIC

The Fest'Napuan 2017 Committee requires that all artists participating in this event sign a waiver stating that only original material will be performed during the event and there is no potential for copyright or intellectual property right violations. No cover songs or remixes of songs may be performed without the express permission of the original creators. Violations of this condition may result in a failure to broadcast an artist performance via online streaming or television and the deletion of any recorded content from an artists performance.

9. FINANCIAL SUPPORT - PERFORMANCE FEES

The Fest'Napuan 2017 Committee cannot pay any performance fees for International Artists as the event is a free, non-profit public concert organized by our volunteer committee. However, the Fest'Napuan 2017 Committee may be able to offer support for invited artists by paying for all expenses related to travel, accommodation and meals.

Promoting music and cultural exchange is at the heart of this event and performance fees for participating artists are not paid. Our International Artists over the years have enjoyed the warm hospitality that our organizing committee has been able to offer – often providing accommodation and meals in nearby communities situated along beautiful coastal beaches where a dedicated vehicle and tour guides (host family) is provided for the International Artist(s) so that they are able to explore Vanuatu and enjoy their stay!

International Artists are encouraged to sell their own merchandise if desired during the festival and the Fest'Napuan 2017 may assist in facilitating this if requested by Artists.

International Artists may request assistance in setting up a private, paying show in Vanuatu scheduled close to the date of the festival. The Fest'Napuan 2017 committee will attempt to find a third party to assist with this process if requested. The Fest'Napuan 2017 committee is a non-profit volunteer committee only. As setting up a private, paying show requires significant time and preparation, International Artists should be advised that they may need to adjust their travel arrangements accordingly if this is requested. Also, the ability to create a private, paying show depends heavily on the genre of music and popularity of the group within Vanuatu / Melanesia.

If International Artists are able to partially or fully secure funding to cover expenses relating to travel and participation in Fest'Napuan 2017, this will be considered favorably by the Fest'Napuan 2017 Committee.

Conditional invitations may be extended to International Artist(s) to participate in Fest'Napuan 2017 on the condition that a funding partner is sourced for airfare and / or accommodation. In these cases, a deadline may be set to confirm that the air travel has been purchased for all members and if this deadline is not met – the invitation may be canceled and offered to another artist who has applied.

As Fest'Napuan 2017 is partnering with the Van2017 Pacific Games, it may be possible to apply for financial sponsorship to perform at Fest'Napuan for artists from participating countries throughout the Pacific. Requests for sponsorship or indication of self-funded Artist travel should be noted in on application form.

10. MEDIA RIGHTS

The Fest'Napuan 2017 Committee reserves the right to officially document or record by video, audio or still photography the contents of the performance during Fest'Napuan 2017. All participating artists must agree to sign a waiver to this effect.

This waiver will only be available to review approximately 1 month before the festival takes place.