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FIJI FRINGE FESTIVAL 2023 SHOW GUIDE



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Our Ideals

Fiji Fringe Festival operates by these five guiding principles:

- 1.Participants will be selected on a non-juried basis, through a first-come, first served process, approved by The Festivals Company Fiji.**
- 2.The audience must have the option to pay a ticket price at selected venues, sales go directly to the artists.**
- 3.Fiji Fringe Festival producers have no control over the artistic content of each performance. The artistic freedom of the participants is unrestrained.**
- 4.The producers must provide an easily accessible opportunity for all audiences and all artists to participate in Fiji Fringe Festival.**
- 5.The festival will promote and model inclusivity, diversity and multiculturalism, and will endeavour to incorporate them into all aspects of our organization.**

CULTURAL WORKSHOPS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FIJI ARTS COUNCIL

MASI MAKING/PRINTING, POTTERY & WEAVING BY FIJI ARTS COUNCIL ARTISANS

	SATURDAY 25th Feb	MONDAY 27th Feb	TUESDAY 28th Feb	WEDNESDAY 01st Mar	FRIDAY 03rd Mar	SATURDAY 04th Mar
5.30pm to 6.30pm	Masi Making & Printing by Iगतolo Toakase	Weaving by Laisani Mara	Pottery by Sainiana Lesuma	Masi Making & Printing by Iगतolo Toakase	Weaving by Laisani Mara	Pottery by Sainiana Lesuma
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7.00pm to 8.00pm	Pottery by Torika Marikobau	Masi Making & Printing by Lajjipa Sukulu Kebaitoga	Weaving by Sikiti Waqabaca	Pottery by Torika Marikobau	Masi Making & Printing by Lajjipa Sukulu Kebaitoga	Weaving by Sikiti Waqabaca

WORKSHOP TENT (FMF GYM CARPACK)

25TH, 27TH, 28TH, 01ST, 3RD, & 04TH

2 SESSIONS PER DAY

\$5.00 PER PERSON/CLASS (1HR EACH)



TICKETED SHOWS WEEKLY GUIDE

MOANA LOA

Moana Loa is a performing arts company that was established in 2015 by owner Ateca Ravuvu and co-founder, Glenville Lord. The company began as a dance company which has since evolved into a learning center for aerial arts, contemporary dance and drama. Moana Loa will be collaborating with aerial teacher, mentor and Director of the Samadhi Hawaii School of Aerial Arts – Andrea Torres in the upcoming Fringe Festival.

MOANA LOA
FMF GYMNASIUM
SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
5PM-6PM || \$15.00



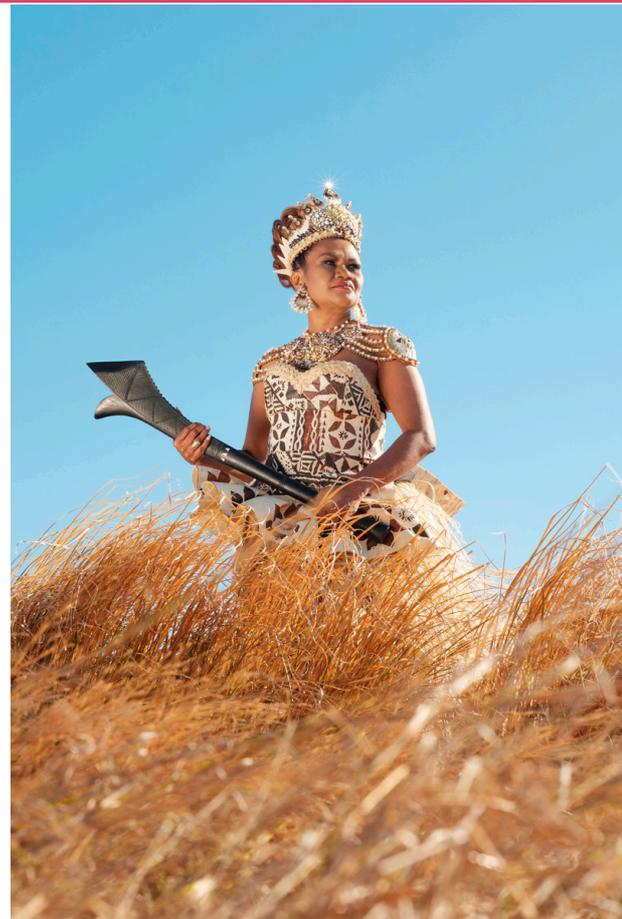
MOANA LOA

ETTA

Anarieta Sabua Leduaivosaki (popularly known by her stage name Etta Gonerogo) was born June 29, 1977 in Suva to Meresiana Dirawa of Naravuka, Seaqaqa, Macuata and Eroni Tauyavu Gonerogo of Vadravadra, Sawaieke, Lomaiviti.

She started her professional singing career at the age of 21 in 1998. Her singing career took her around many popular local resorts in the country. In 2001 she formed her first band Zambua and released her first album with them through SPR (South Pacific Recording). Her career then took a 10 year hiatus. She returned to the music scene in 2016 as one half of the female duo 'Sauca Seda' with her friend Alesi Naituivau whom she released an album with, earning them 2 nominations at the 2018 FPRA Music Awards for Best New Artist and Most Popular Music Video for their 2017 Coca Cola Games Anthem single. The duo parted ways at the end of 2017 and she now continues to perform as a solo artist under her stage name 'Etta' with her Debut Album 'Island Queen' released in October 2021.

Etta credits her children as the motivation for her music career and wants to teach them that no matter who you are, where you are from, how old you may be, you are still able to dream and achieve your goals.



ETTA

FMF GYMNASIUM

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

7PM - 10PM || \$50.00 VIP & \$15.00 GENERAL

ETTA

SLAM

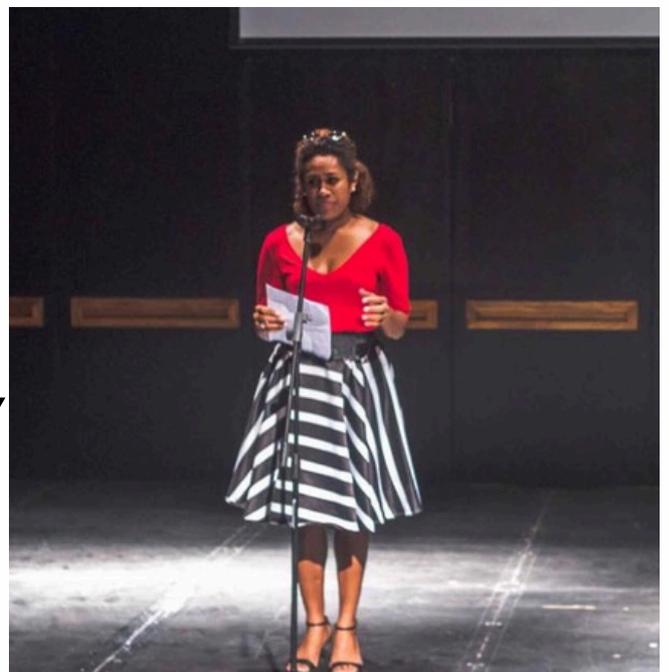
Poetry Slam: slam poetry, a form of performance poetry that combines the elements of performance, writing, competition, and audience participation.

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SLAM
SUB HALL B
SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
3PM - 6PM || \$5.00



THE ACCIDENT



Sitiveni Gauna is a Solutions Engineer with 27 years of experience in the ICT industry.

Sitiveni graduated with a BSc in Computing Science and Information Systems from the University of the South Pacific in 2001 and prior to this, he also graduated with a Diploma in Electrical Engineering from the Fiji Institute of Technology in 1996. He is currently employed with GDC Communications.

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Sitiveni's mission in life is to help people realize and pursue their purpose in life. He strongly believe that ensue to the fulfillment of our life purpose lies our success.

Ateca Ravuvu is a performing artist who has been in the industry since first auditioning for the Oceania Dance Theatre at the Oceania Center for Arts, Culture and Pacific Studies, University of the South Pacific in 2002. Ravuvu has numerous dance and drama productions such as Larry Thomas's play "Men, Women and Insanity" and Vilsoni Hereniko's "Fine Dancing" under her belt. She is a trained contemporary dancer having learnt under pacific and international choreographers through her 15 years of dance. Ravuvu has also featured in small speaking roles in international films such as "Vai", "The Other Side of Heaven 2", "Pearl in Paradise" and the Netflix Series starring Rashida Jones, "#Black AF".



THE ACCIDENT

SUB HALL B

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

7.30PM - 9.30PM || \$7.00



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Sadrishan Velaidan started his journey in the performance arts in 2003. He currently works as a teaching assistant at the University of the South Pacific where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Expressive Arts. He also pursued a Diploma in Film-making at the Asian Academy of film and Television in India and has filled the roles of a dancer, writer, actor and costume-designer in many contemporary theatre and dance shows under the Oceania Dance Theatre at USP, and at the Moana Loa Performing Arts Center. Sadrishan has acted in numerous plays written and directed by Pacific playwrights as well as in plays from western literature.

THE ACCIDENT

Aarti Mala works as a Library Assistant at the University of the South Pacific. Her dedication to serving students and staff at USP has not hindered her passion for the arts. She has undertaken various projects in the industry – from fashion to film, and has filled in many roles including event coordinator, production manager, fashion designer, and actor. Aarti has acted in Dr. Mohit Prasad's *Suraji*, launched by the Fiji National University and screened during the Girit Celebrations in 2017. She has also worked as assistant director for *Fiji Time* produced by Alexandra Lacey Persuasion Pictures (USA).



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THE ACCIDENT
SUB HALL B
SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY
TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY
7.30PM - 9.30PM || \$7.00

Larry is a playwright and director. He is also a documentary filmmaker. The first play he directed was *Moon on a Rainbow Shawl* by the Trinidadian writer Errol John in 1980. He followed this with Vilsoni Hereniko's play, *A Child for Iva and Sera's Choice*. In 1988 he directed his first play, *Just Another Day*. *The Accident* is his 12th play. Of those, two were co-written in iTaukei language with Apolonia Tamata, Lakovi and Nai Lululu and one with Ian Gaskell, called *The Meke* which was premiered at the Festival of Pacific Arts in Palau in 2004. His play, *The Visitors* received its premiere performance at the Festival of Pacific Arts in American Samoa in 2008

In 1992 he was invited to be Artist in Residence at the California Lutheran University in Los Angeles, where he directed his play, *Men, Women and Insanity*. His play *Outcasts* has been translated into French and performed at the Jean Marie Tjibaou Cultural Center in Noumea, New Caledonia. His play *Yours Dearly* was translated into Arabic and performed in the West Bank in Jerusalem.

He taught Literature and Theatre Arts at USP before joining the Pacific Community (SPC) as Manager of the Regional Media Center and was producer of the long running television program, *The Pacific Way*. His documentaries among others include *Compassionate Exile on the leprosarium in Makogai*, *A Race for Rights on the 2000 coup in Fiji* and *Bittersweet Hope on the expiry of the sugar cane land leases in Fiji*.

He is currently the Acting Director of the Oceania Center of Arts Culture and Pacific Studies at the University of the South Pacific.

JORDAN ROOKS



A MAGIC SHOW with Jordan Rooks is a family-friendly show about the life of award-winning Las Vegas magician Jordan Rooks. Jordan weaves comedy, storytelling, and magic into a journey you won't soon forget.

JORDAN ROOKS

SUB HALL B: 27TH, 28TH FEBRUARY & 4TH MARCH

FMF GYMNASIUM: 1ST, 2ND & 3RD MARCH

5.00PM-5.45PM || \$15.00

THE GANG



The Gang is a Suva based band that consists of young music enthusiasts who were connected through their love for music. Prior to their formation in 2014, the band members were part of the music team at their church for more than 6 years. It was however envisaged that the band wanted to venture into Fiji's music industry to raise the caliber of music, impact and inspire Fijian musicians/artists. Starting out in a small studio space in Milverton Road, the band conducted practice weekly to develop a solid foundation, understanding and communication between the band members. Over the span of 8 years, the band has performed at large local music festivals, high profile corporate events and private functions. The musicians have also performed for international artists such as Sammy J and Swiss in 2016. In 2022, the band had also performed for 8 artists at the sold out VT15 concert in the National Gymnasium. This would turn out to be the highlight of the band's 8-year journey together.

THE GANG

FMF GYMNASIUM

SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY: 6PM-8PM

WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH: 8PM-10PM

\$15.00



TUINZ

Tuinz is a Hip Hop dance Duo and was founded by twin brothers Adriel and Akuila late October 2020. Our foundation is based purely on Urban dance (Open style choreography)

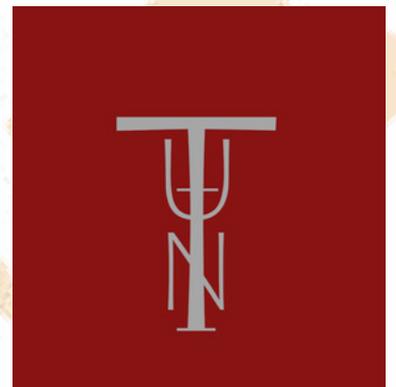
We made our debut at Dance Fest Fiji 2020 hosted by MATA Dance Fiji, with a joint performance alongside the wonderful WEHI Fiji.

We hope to encourage our fellow friends who unfortunately look out to the streets for validation. We know that Urban dance will be something that they could somehow relate to and one day to be a part of street culture i.e. Graffiti, Parkour, Dance, Music, Skateboarding etc

As Tuinz, we hope to break all stereotypes and encourage this generation and the younger that you can turn your struggles and issues into Art.



TUINZ
FMF GYMNASIUM
SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY
THURSDAY 2ND MARCH
8:15PM-8.45PM || \$6.00



MATA



MATA Dance Crew is a hip-hop based dance company based in Suva, Fiji.

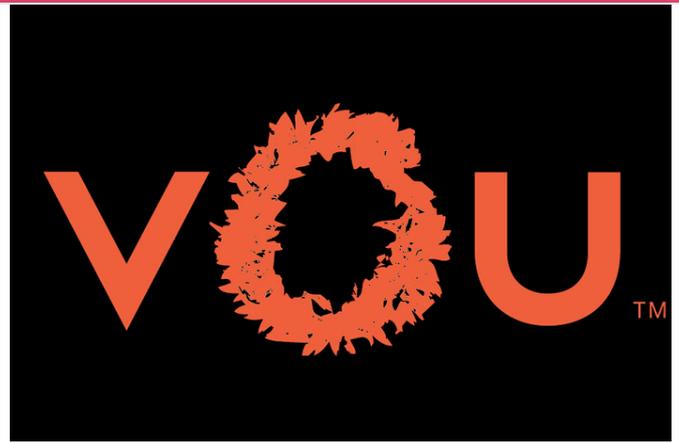
We are passionate about the development and growth of the hip-hop street dance culture in our community and sharing that all over Fiji and beyond.

MATA is one of the established dance companies in the country; having our work performed all over the Fiji and representing the country on various international stages in New Zealand, Australia, Tonga, Samoa and the United States. We believe in delivering the authentic urban Fijian hip-hop energy that tells our stories and our realities.

MATA
FMF GYMNASIUM
MONDAY 27H FEBRUARY
WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH
7:00PM-7.45PM || \$15.00



VOU



VOU is on a mission to share the Energy! Spirit! And Mana! Of Fijian dance with the world! Since establishing in 2007 VOU has been the most internationally toured contemporary dance company from the Pacific having toured high quality traditional and contemporary Fijian dance to over 35 countries.

VOU believes in providing sustainable and prosperous career paths for Fijian artists. VOU currently employs over 50 Fijian artists.

VOU has a passion for research and development, we continuously support our artists to research their traditional and modern urban Pacific heritages to keep our artists evolving and our audiences informed. This consistent enquiry helps us acknowledge our ancient past in order to paint an accurate picture of a globalized multicultural modern day Fiji.

In 2019 VOU established the VOU HUB for arts, culture and Activities located 5 minutes from Denarau Island in Nadi. The VOU HUB is the first artist owned and run venue in Fiji and houses a 450 seat theater that hosts high quality Fijian performing arts.

In 21st century world that is so fragmented VOU believes that the arts have the potential to build bridges. We are passionately dedicated to our work because we believe we can connect and heal the world in unity and oneness through creating shared magic moments.

VOU

FMF GYMNASIUM

MONDAY 27H FEBRUARY 8:00PM-8.30PM

TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 7:00PM-7.30PM

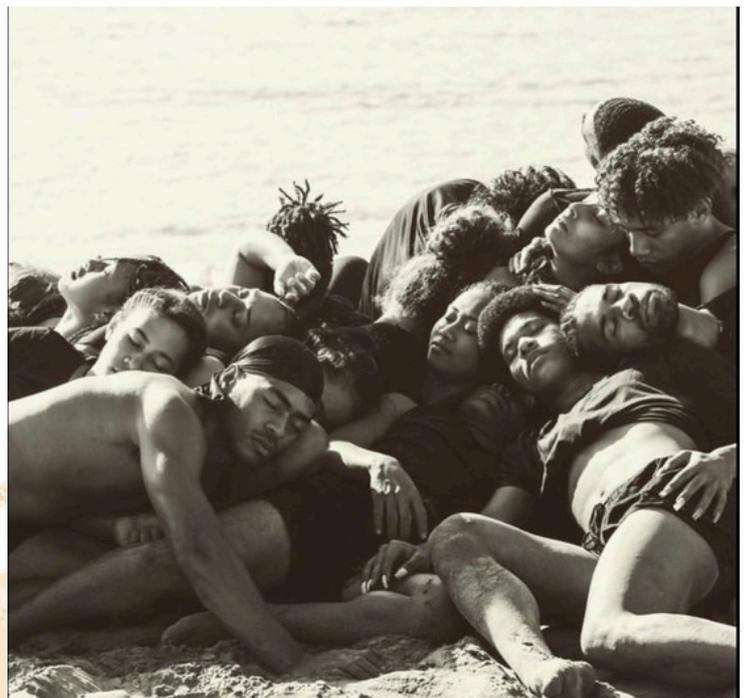
\$10.00

DEAR MUM-BY GIO

“Whatever you choose to do in life make sure it’s something that makes you happy”
This is the advice my mom told me when I decided to pursue my dreams as a dancer.
Bulbous Vani Varea my guardian angel and dearest Mother.

My name is Giovanna Varea, I am from Rotuma with maternal links to Yaloku, Ba. I am also a dancer at VOU and my piece today is a tribute and letter to my late mother Bulou Vani. This piece explores all the things I wished she could have witnessed ever since I made it in the dance industry. The piece is also dedicated to anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one, to the dream chasers, to those who left things unsaid. With my lovely dance mates and friends who have now become my family, We hope that we will be able to emote the words into our bodies and move you into the realm of dance, a realm of creativity.

And to all the mothers that will continue to bring to the world creative beings that will change the world, Thank you so much



Dear Mum by GIO

SUB HALL B

TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

8:00PM-9.30PM || \$7.00

OPEN SPACE



The event is called Open Space and conceptualised and ran over a couple of years pre 2022 by Amelia Rigsby.

Open Space is an open mic evening and is a live show at a venue that takes place at night, in which audience members may perform poetry, music, dance, comedic content or any given performance on stage whether they are amateurs or professionals. It is a safe space for people to use for artistic performance, healing or otherwise.

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OPEN MIC NIGHT
SUB HALL B
WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH
5:00PM-6.30PM || \$5.00

MASTI



Masti Arts & Dance Group is Fiji's first commercial Bollywood dance company founded in the year 2008 by its Director, Amit Ashween Chand. The last 14 years has seen the group explore its creativity to limitless versatility performing at 1000s of events, being part of joyous occasions of Fijian families, festivals and events around the country in every town and city from Ba to Labasa to Taveuni & Rabi Islands as well as featuring in Ads and background talents for Indian films shot in Fiji.

The team has had several of its dancers train at various art institutions in Mumbai, India and have done a couple of stage shows with Bollywood celebrities as well.

MASTI means fun and enjoyment in Hindi and they always strive to spread their mastiful spirit and happiness wherever they perform and tonight they hope to bring smiles and excitement to all of you with their high energy presentation.

Keeping at par with what they are renowned for and bringing their A game in presenting a visually stunning display of Bollywood-film like dance sequences, let's welcome Fiji's very own Bollywood Dancers, the MASTI Arts & Dance Group, with their Bollywood Extravaganza.

MASTI

FMF GYMNASIUM

WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH

6:00PM-6.45PM || \$10.00

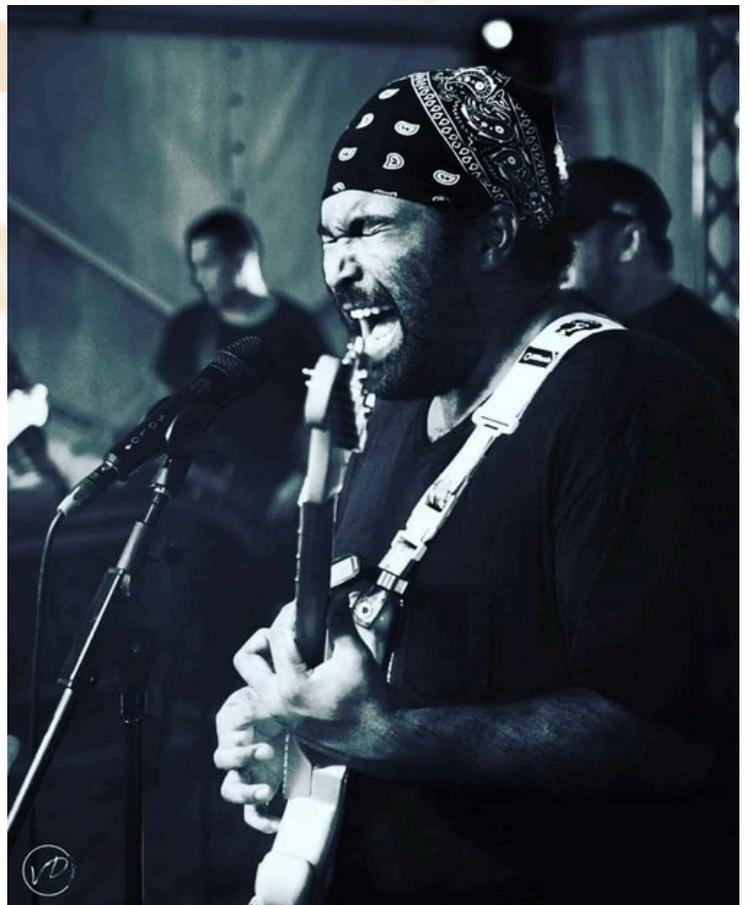


BEN MASIREWA

Bula, my name's Ben Masirewa. I'm from Tailevu, and I'll be performing at the Fiji Fringe Fest as a solo looper artist.

I'm a big fan of Lofi, Jazz fusion and Progressive guitar music so if you're into those I feel like you'd really enjoy my show.

I'll also be playing a mix of covers, and a few of my original tunes that have yet to be released. So if you feel like listening to something a little bit left field, come join me!



BEN MASIREWA

SUB HALL B

WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH

7:00PM-7.45PM || \$14.00

PRIMA VOCE

Pasifika Prima Voce (PPV) is Fiji's premier classic operatic & crossover vocal group. Established in 2019 by Baritone Sunia Soko Loga.

PPV consists of Justin Hickes (Tenor), Molly Tora, Tupou Muriwaqa, Ani Lewaniu, Jedidiah Tuinasavusavu and Soko Loga. PPV also has younger vocalists in training called the Kaji Voce and range from 6 years to 18 years.

The PPV group have performed on for many prestigious events such as the 2022 FIPRA Music Awards, 2022 Fiji Fashion Week, Style Fiji 2022 & the Vuvale Christmas Concert (2022) while headlining the St. John Gala Night at the Classics which was held at the GPH in October, 2022.



PRIMA VOCE

FMF GYMNASIUM

THURSDAY 2ND MARCH

6:00PM-8:00PM || \$50.00 VIP & \$20.00 GENERAL

NATALIE

Fijian recording artist, musician, lawyer and advocate, Natalie Raikadroka (born Natalie Elizabeth Raikadroka) hails from the village of Matameivere, Namara in the province of Tailevu.

In 2010, after finishing high school she competed on the Fiji One television series Vodafone MIC show, season 3 and placed as the 1st Runner Up.

Her first music gig at a professional level was with the Vude Queen at her residency show at Holiday Inn. Natalie established her band the "Tiny Sounds Band" in 2016 and began her first residency at the USP bar.

Between 2017 and 2020, Natalie along with Tiny Sounds Band was the residency band at the Holiday Inn and at the Bad Dog Cafe. During the pandemic, Natalie started creating awareness on Fiji Music and the issues relating to copyright infringements, this resulted with her and her friends establishing the "Fiji Music Hub" and Fiji's first online music store called "Serenade Fiji".

Natalie in April 2022 released her debut album titled "When I Sing" which features songs that she composed in the past decade.



NATALIE
SUB HALL B
THURSDAY 2ND MARCH
7:00PM-8:30PM || \$22.00

DOLCE SOUNDS FIJI



The Dolce Sounds Dulali strives to revitalize and showcase authentic traditional chants and meke, with the inclusion of Fiji Folk songs.

They have represented Fijian traditional dances (meke) to Pacific Arts Festivals since 2008, Melanesian Festivals, ICH Festivals (Chengdu China), World Music Festival (Krasnoyarsk, Russia) and they have been to 4 World Expos since 2010.

The 3 hour show at the Fringe Festival will feature Dolce Sounds Dulali on a local platform showcasing authentic traditional sounds and meke. There will be folk songs, old times sigidrigi and communal festive singing, in between performances.

Contrary to popular belief, meke and authentic chants can hardly be seen in many traditional villages, so, to watch and experience traditional meke is an opportunity not to be missed.

DOLCE SOUNDS FIJI
FMF GYMNASIUM
FRIDAY 3RD MARCH
6:00PM - 9:00PM || \$10.00



COMEDY WITH DRIX, FRED & TUETS

Fred Flow is a corporate MC and stand-up comedian that performs independently at corporate events across Fiji, and also frequently with the "LOL MADA" comedy troupe. His comedy is mostly observational, sometimes vulgar, occasionally topical, and ALWAYS funny."

"King Kokoroji was initially an alias created by Andrew Bolakoro to allow him to connect with people in a relatable way through funny videos and vlogs. Through content posted online and MC'd events, King Kokoroji has established himself as a bona fide funny guy. Now King Kokoroji is a known comedian that has performed private events including various "LOL MADA" shows."

A multidisciplinary artist, Atueta (Tuets) Rabuka is usually a visual artist. For this festival he's a stand up comic with a storytelling style. At the moment he is unemployed and spends his days napping and drinking bu juice... he's not lazy, he's just on energy saving mode, Bless!



DRIX, FRED & TUETS

SUB HALL B

FRIDAY 3RD MARCH

7:00PM-8:00PM || \$22.00

VT1S

VTBOP MUSIC is a 100% Fijian Owned and Managed Music Label.

Founded in 2022 VTBOP MUSIC produces artists like Billy T, Ratu and the international breakout project, VT1S.

The label aims to revolutionize Fiji Music by creating music that translates outside traditional Fiji music markets and products that allow its' artists to generate sustainable livelihoods off of their talents.

VTBOP MUSIC PRESENTS

VT1S

LIVE '23

VTBOP

MUSIC

VT1S

FMF GYMNASIUM

SATURDAY 4TH MARCH

6:00PM-9:30PM

\$40 VIP | \$25 GENERAL

**SPINNING
VILLAGE**

CHRISTONITE & ALBY EASTGATE



2TINGS
ONE VIBE



2TINGS
SUB HALL B
SATURDAY 4TH MARCH
9:00PM TILL LATE
\$20.00



Thank You

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