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An Open Call for Artists' Participation

Re: Open Call Letter for *Koze, Koze! – Let Your Story Speak*, a project unveiling Seychellois artists' untold stories

I. What's the project about?

Seychelles Art Foundation (SAF) is calling for local artists to participate in an upcoming art project entitled "*Koze, Koze! – Let Your Story Speak*". The project aims to explore the untold stories from established Seychellois artists, across all creative disciplines, which has been 'masked' from the public behind their professional careers. This is to serve as the counterpart for currently existing publications which are more focused on their professional achievements.

The project expects to have up to 36 artists (18 pairs) to be included in the 1st edition of the project, and interested artists are encouraged to sign up in pairs. The conversations between the participating artists will be captured by video, which will be then further edited into a series of short films and a published hardcover book.

II. Who can sign up?

The artists expected to be included in this project should be Seychellois artists or artists who currently hold Seychelles citizenship;

The definition of 'artists' refers to a wide range of creative disciplines (e.g. Fashion, Photography, Film, Music, Visual Arts, Literature, Dance and etc.);

Interested artists need to show evidence of being established and active in their fields for the last 10 years;

Interested artists should state the artist they intend to have the conversation with, thus are encouraged to sign up in pairs.

III. How to sign up?

Interested artists are suggested to fill out the application form (see below) and send to us via email or post.

Email to: Mr. Alex Camille at seychellesartfoundation@gmail.com;

Post to: Seychelles Art Foundation, Victoria, P.O. Box 237.

Deadline is the 15th December 2019.

APPLICATION FORM

The application form is designed to be signed up in pair, as referred to Artist 1 & Artist 2; it shall be signed by both artists at end of the form.

1. Basic Information

	Artist 1	Artist 2
Name		
Gender		
Address		
Date of Birth		
Place of Birth		
Nationality		
Telephone		
Email		
Website(optional)		

2. Professional Background

State your creative discipline and provide supporting documents.

3. Connection Description

Describe the relationship on a personal and professional level between the two of you. (e.g. how long you have known each other; what was the most memorable cooperative experience, etc.)



About SAF

Seychelles Art Foundation (SAF) was established by a group of Seychellois artists prior to the first national participation at the Venice Biennale (2015 edition), since then SAF has established itself as a body capable of delivering project outcomes at the highest international and domestic level. SAF's mission is to enhance the quality, status and development of the visual arts at home and abroad. SAF devises, designs, funds and delivers a range of art events and activities which involves and impacts upon various Seychelles communities.

For the last 2 years, SAF has successfully achieved several international artist exchange programs, bringing culture activists esp. Seychellois artists to the international platforms, including Morocco in October 2018, China in November 2018&2019, Mali and Rwanda in February 2019, Mauritius in August 2019. SAF has a clear history of success in promoting culture for Seychelles.

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SeychellesArtFoundation/>

UP!project page (SAF current project): <https://www.facebook.com/upseychellesproject/>

About "Koze, Koze!"

There are very few Art books published in Seychelles, as well as short films made, that document the vibrant artistic and cultural landscape of the islands. In an effort to fill in the blank, this project aims to explore the untold stories from established Seychellois artists 'hidden' behind their professional career. The final outcome will be a series of short films that document the conversation between artists from various creative disciplines. The individual conversations will also be made into book publication accompany the films. Initiated by Seychelles Art Foundation (SAF), this project is granted with some funds from the National Arts and Culture Fund (NACF). The title 'Koze, Koze!' in Seychellois Kreol translates to 'chat, chat!'.

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