

# NATIONAL ARTS COUNCIL OF SEYCHELLES NEWSLETTER

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## Meet Our Staff



### Merwin Madeleine

Mr. Mervin Madeleine is a 36 year old Technician at the National Arts Council of Seychelles (NAC). He has been employed with the Council for the past six (6) years. The NAC staff would describe him as an efficient, dependable, caring and passionate person who is always willing to give a helping hand.

Throughout his career, Mr. Madeleine has worked with both local and international musical shows, national events such as 'Festival Kreol', Carnivals held in the Seychelles, Regatta Festival, Miss Seychelles beauty pageants, Miss intercontinental and National shows organized in Seychelles.

Mr. Madeleine hopes to advance forward in his career with the Council. He also wishes for NAC to progress further and have cutting edge facilities such as theatres and conference rooms.

"Artists needs to unite and join forces so as to become stronger. Art is able to unite people and foster love for a nation".

## DISK JOCKEY ASSOCIATION "SON 248"



The first Disk Jockey (DJ) association by the name of 'SON 248' was recently established. The objectives of 'SON 248' is to; develop, improve and advance the art and science of the DJ Operation in all their aspects and public education.

'SON 248' aims to facilitate access to relevant information, training and proper equipment for all Seychellois Disc Jockeys, so that they can develop into skillful professionals and reach an international level.

Their vision is to "be a major influence in enriching life through music" by creating order in the industry & address the deficiency in fees per performance. 'SON 248' hopes that the association can eventually become a self-driven entity that Disk Jockeys may lean on for support and networking.



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## Disc Jockey Lenny Farabeau

Our first featured Disk Jockey (DJ) is 28 year old Lenny Farabeau who currently resides at Mont Buxton. Mr. Farabeau started dj'ing at small events such as parties, shows and clubs 2-3 years ago.

He believes that the current challenges faced by DJs in Seychelles is the inability for clients to recognise the amount of effort, preparation, time, skills and energy placed into dj'ing to ensure the clients enjoy their event.

Mr. Farabeau says one of his greatest moments as a DJ is playing at the Regatta Festival for two (2) consecutive years in 2018 & 2019 in the presence of a massive crowd, with other local DJs on stage.

"Every event I DJ at I derive great satisfaction when I see the crowd appreciating my performance".



## Music Aaron Cushion

Parkour zenn artis Praslinoise Aaron Cushion dan lanmizik ti konmans an 2017, ler i ti konmans zwe vyolon swivi par led son papa e msye Charles Lesperance. Premye de morso lanmizik ki i ti aprann se lim nasyonal sesel e 'Ferdinnen mon bon zanmi'.

In osi fer enpe letan kot lekol lanmizik kot in aprann teori lanmizik. Depi 2018, ansanm ek son frer zot ti form en band apele 'Tropical Star'Odan ki i osi pratik keyboard.

I ti ganny loportinite pou develop plis ankor par al perform dan lotel avek Sir Regis Philoe, e ozordi I eksprim son apresiyasyon pour ki in ed li ariv lo sa nivo.

"Mon swete ki bann zenn artis sirtou Praslinoise i ganny plis sipor pour develop zot talan dan lanmizik, konmansman kot lekol."

## Fashion Darren Esther

Mr. Darren Esther is a young fashion designer from Praslin who attended the art and design institute, where he graduated with a diploma in fashion. He considers himself as both an artist and inventor with hopes to gain recognition for his innovative designs regionally in Africa.

Mr. Esther's line targets vibrant youths and adults, with pieces that accentuates confidence. He derives inspiration from his senses and experiences in Seychelles.

His greatest achievement so far has been to represent Seychelles at the Mercedes Benz global fashion week held in Accra, Ghana in 2019.

"To me fashion is my life, seeing my clients happy is the thing that wakes me up every morning."

