

NATIONAL ARTS COUNCIL OF SEYCHELLES

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Seychelles Fashion Association

The association is currently concentrating on recruiting as much members as possible with the aim of having a solid database so that we could identify all the actors in the Fashion industry. The objectives of the Association are:

- (a) to promote the pursuit of artistic, creative and professional excellence in fashion;
- (b) to promote the educational value of fashion;
- (c) to assist in the promotion and development of fashion in Seychelles;
- (d) to encourage research, experimentation and originality in fashion;
- (e) to foster opportunities for international exchange thus acting as a facilitator with regional world bodies and agencies;
- (f) to develop interest in fashion;
- (g) to promote and protect the lawful interests, rights and freedoms of Seychellois Fashion Designers involved in fashion industry both nationally and internationally;
- (h) to help safeguard members against malpractice and infringements of their works and intellectual properties by others; nationally and internationally;
- (i) to make applications or representations to Government or other appropriate authorities and agencies on policies affecting the members of the Association; and
- (j) to assist members in the documentation and preservation of their works.

New Dance Association

The National Arts Council of Seychelles is proud to present the first Dance Association to be established in Seychelles called 'DANSEY'. The new Dance Association was officially formed in July 2020 after the setting up of an executive committee where the elected chairperson is Ms. Ruth Barbe who is a dance instructor at the Seychelles Dance School and the vice-chairperson is Mr. Gael Guichard who is a dancer in the Emergency crew.

The establishment of the dance association is quite a momentum step for dance and art in Seychelles. The hope is that DANSEY is able to pull in dancers in Seychelles under the same umbrella and successfully execute dance projects in the country.

We look forward to see what they achieve and wish them luck.

Holiday Programmes August 2020

Moutya

This workshop was organised with the aim of promoting and developing Moutya as a major cultural element in Seychelles. Over nineteen (19) school children from the aged of 12-18 years old participated in the three days workshop which took place at the NAC. The project focused on the teaching the students the Moutya dance, how to play the tambour Moutya and how to compose a Moutya song.



Romans

The project was initiated by the NAC to encourage the youth to develop interest in singing 'Romans'. The aim is to revive and valorize 'Romans' as a pertinent cultural aspect of the Seychelles culture.

The objectives of such are to encourage the knowledgeable person, especially the older generation to share their unique knowledge to the youth.



Crochet:

Throughout the five days workshops the four participants learned how to apply these techniques by using cloth and all the necessary tools in terms of thread, stitches. Crochet is a process of creating textiles by using a crochet hook to interlock loops of yarn, thread, or strands of other materials.

The objectives of such are for the participants will be able to read a crochet pattern, as well as complete the basic stitches.



Meet Our Staff



Ms. Johnise Juliete also known across the Indian Ocean as the "Larenn Sega" is the Arts Development officer at the National Arts Council of Seychelles since 2004.

As the Arts Development officer at NAC she handles arts projects, especially holiday programmes and community projects involving the youth.

Ms. Juliette's success at NAC is greatly influenced by her experience in the arts world. She started singing at the National Youth Service (NYS) in 1988 and joined her first music group in 1989, called the Red Berets. She went on to release her first album 'Lanmour Sove' in 1990. In July 1991 she participated in her first international concert at Festival Le Miel Vert in Reunion accompanied by the Footstep and her first local concert in Seychelles was in 1992 with local artist Mr. Hudson Darothe.

In 1996 she was awarded the best outstanding performance in the U.First campaign competition which took place in Seychelles. Ms. Juliette was the first artist to grace the Musicians' Walk of Fame of Seychellois artists and musicians organised by the Seychelles Ministry of Tourism and Culture.

At the NAC, she is a very enthusiastic and outgoing staff who works well with her peers and other stakeholders.

"To all my fans, my new album will be out hopefully by the end of 2020. In terms of performance, I prefer Sega and moutya as they are very easy to convey messages. During these times I do what I feel is best for my family and continuously give support to my children with hopes to follow in my footsteps."

Jade Jolene



Ms. Jade Jolene is a seventeen (17) year old singer who just finished recording a traditional Moutya. At 13 she sang in Italy at the World Finals of Sanremo Junior singing competition accompanied by a 36 piece orchestra. This was a big televised show in Italy and other European Countries, where she achieved a Special Mention award. At 14 years of age, she won an international centennial Literature award in Jamaica for her environmental conscious short story and at 15 she had a local hit with her version on 'Hit the Road Jack' which is a song originally sang by Mr. Ray Charles. With her new single 'En Nouvo Zour (Tilambwe I Ale)' the young Seychellois singer continues to do what she does best: turning the old into something new, modernized whilst still keeping the essence of the original song.

Allen Comettant



His everyday job is working as a graphic artist at the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change. Mr. Comettant's preferred visual art is abstract paintings.

He explains that Art is his life and is currently focused in establishing his own studio and gallery.

He says "Graphic Art is not one of the easiest choices in life. But it is rich and can open in many areas, for example architecture, textile and many more. If you have a passion for art just follow your heart".

Introducing graphics designer and painter Mr. Allen Comettant who was born on 7th April 1973. He also practices sculpting and says "I love art in all its forms".