



Auckland Festival, AK07 presents a stunning line up of impressive shows from France and New Caledonia – make sure you are there to fly the flag.

Opening Event, Auckland Festival, AK07



Groupe F - *A Little More Light*

FRANCE

Presented by SKYCITY in association with the Auckland Museum

In 1992, a few French pyrotechnicians decided to make fire their art. In a few years, *Groupe F's* artistry has spread round the world like wildfire; the Eiffel Tower, the Stade de France at the football World Cup 98, the Millennium Bridge in London, the Montmorency Falls in Quebec, the Olympic Games in Athens ... Transfigured by fire, these prestigious monuments, towns and natural landscapes

have become the sites of extraordinary pyrotechnical events.

A Little More Light will create a breathtaking display of fire and light against the panorama and beauty of the Auckland Museum. Grab your picnic hamper, blanket, family and friends and secure your spot for a spectacle that will live on in your memory for a long time to come.

Venue: Auckland Domain

Date: Sat 10 March, 7.30pm

Price: FREE

For the first time in New Zealand



Ballet Preljocaj – *Les 4 saisons...*

FRANCE

Presenting Sponsor Montana New Zealand in association with THE EDGE®

Auckland Festival, AK07 presents one of Europe's groundbreaking and internationally respected choreographers, Angelin Preljocaj, and his resolutely contemporary dance company, Ballet Preljocaj who will present their latest work *Les 4 saisons...*

Performed to the music of Vivaldi's revered opus, *The Four Seasons*, of which Preljocaj poses these questions: *"Can this piece of music – so well known, so conventional, so gone astray – can it indeed still deliver more surprises, more grey zones, more secrets? And how?"* he asks.

His answer is best read in his inspired choreography – or, as he replies: *"By coming back again and again to the writing of the movement and never letting go of the bursting forth, exaltation, suspension and vibration."*

The skill and beauty of the dancers' craft will delight and astound audiences, leaving one and all in awe of what the body is capable of.

Venue: ASB Theatre, Aotea Centre, THE EDGE

Tickets: \$45 - \$75

Dates: Wed 14 Mar - Sat 17 Mar, 7:30pm, Sun 18 Mar, 5:30pm

Bookings: 09 307 5000or www.ticketek.co.nz

GIFT VOUCHERS AVAILABLE: Like to give a friend or colleague a festival night out? We are happy to create a tailor-made gift voucher for you. Phone Violet Ryan, Auckland Festival, AK07 on 09 374 0312 to arrange.

AK07 FESTIVAL CLUB, RED SQUARE, BRITOMART

Paris meets Berlin in Auckland!



FRED AVRIL & BARBARA MORGENSTERN

FRANCE/GERMANY

Brought to New Zealand by the Goethe-Institut and Alliance Française

Make sure you are at AK07 Festival Club when Berlin's micro-pop queen Barbara Morgenstern joins forces with Paris's Fred Avril's experimental grooves.

Date: Sat 17 March, 7.30pm

Price: From \$25 to \$35

The New Caledonian Experience



CELENOD

By arrangement with WOMADelaide & supported by le Gouvernement de la Nouvelle-Caledonie

Based on traditional dance rhythms of the Kanak people comes the vibrant "kaneka" music.

Celenod is a six piece band performing a unique modern mix of kanaka music. A fusion of dance, percussion (bamboo, leaves and wood percussion), acoustic guitars arpeggios, polyphonic vocals, drums, bass and keyboards.

Date: Thurs 15 March, 9:30pm & Friday 16th March, 7:30pm

Price: From \$25 to \$35



NEW CALEDONIAN ROOTS MUSIC

The New Caledonia New Zealand Season 2007 is an initiative funded by the Government and Provinces of New Caledonia.

Two "must-see" bands from New Caledonia whose music expresses their Kanak and French Pacific identities are:

VHIRIN

Their music is strongly influenced by the evolution of kaneka music and the youth of New Caledonia.

Date: Sat 10 March, 7.30pm

Price: From \$25 to \$35

KALAGA'LA

Their distinct sound takes its lead from fresh pacific influences such as Aotearoa's 'Herbs' and 'Southside of Bombay'.

Date: Sun 11 March, 7.30pm

Price: From \$25 to \$35

For Bookings at the **AK07 Festival Club** Phone Ticketmaster (09) 970 9700 or www.ticketmaster.co.nz



CONTEMPORARY VISUAL ART OF NEW CALEDONIA

The New Caledonia New Zealand Season 2007 is an initiative funded by the Government and Provinces of New Caledonia.

Two of New Caledonia's leading visual artists Micheline Néporon and Ito Waia feature their fascinating and unique Kanak art for Auckland Festival, AK07

Visual arts line-up.

Both artists are treasured in New Caledonia and have received the highest praise for their work internationally in countries including France and Australia where their work has been exhibited.

EXHIBITION: Seed Gallery – 23a Crowhurst St, Newmarket **Workshops:** Thu 8 to Tue 13 March

Dates: Wed 7 to Wed 14 March, Tue-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat & Sun 11am-4pm **Price: FREE**

To check out the full programme go to www.aucklandfestival.co.nz or receive a copy of the programme send your postal details to brochure@aucklandfestival.co.nz