

ONE OCEAN, ONE PEOPLE, ONE CAPTIVATING SHOW

Brisbane Powerhouse presents

Wan Solwora

Join us for an unforgettable celebration of the sound, the music and the spirit of the Melanesian islands of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands when *Wan Solwora*, featuring the ARIA Award winning **George Telek** and **The Narasirato Pan Pipers** with musical director David Bridie also performing, sweeps into the Powerhouse Theatre on **Wednesday 31 March** as part of the Brisbane Powerhouse *Planet* Series.

With a captivating blend of traditional Melanesian percussion, the polyrhythmic pulse of bamboo pipes and flutes, and the soaring traditional voices, this energetic and joyous concert mixes dance, singing, drumming into an uplifting and unique performance you won't forget.

Telek is a band, a man and, in some parts of the world, a legend. George Mamua Telek has long been at the forefront of the PNG music scene and his songs and his haunting voice traverse many musical styles, perfectly capturing the spirit of the proud heritage of the Tolai people of PNG. Telek also collaborated with David Bridie in 2007 as part of the Queensland Music Festival.

The members of The Narasirato Pan Pipers are farmers and fishermen, living traditional lives amid a virgin rainforest and idyllic lagoons. Their village, at the end of a mangrove forest in the Solomon Islands is only accessible by canoe or a two day walk overland. Yet, since forming in 2006 they have performed in Canada, New Zealand, England, Taipei, Bahrain and Australia, receiving standing ovations at most performances.

They share their ancient customs with integrity and haunting power, communicating their Are'are culture together with their new music and dance using pan pipes, unusual bamboo instruments and percussion all driven to new heights with soaring vocals and rich island harmonies.

Together they create the magical energy, beauty and sounds of the islands.

This event is presented as part of the Brisbane Powerhouse world music and dance program, *Planet*, an initiative supported by Arts Queensland, and will include **FREE** pre-show entertainment and a PNG cooking demonstration by Lisa and Cathy Hilli on the Turbine Platform post-show co-presented with BEMAC. Coinciding with the concert will be Lisa's Installation of life in PNG, *Just Like Home*.

Tickets available through **Box Office** on 07 3358 8600 or online at brisbanepowerhouse.org

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Date	Wed 31 March 2010
Time	7.30pm
Venue	Powerhouse Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse
Tickets	Full \$32, Concession \$28, S/Galleries \$24, Groups 10+ \$26
Bookings	07 3358 8600 or brisbanepowerhouse.org

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