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Who will win Pacific Break 2009?

MELBOURNE – Record numbers of entries continue to arrive for Pacific Break 2009, Radio Australia’s search for the best unsigned musical talent of the Pacific.

Pacific Break, is now in its second year and is again offering the winner a once in a life-time opportunity, to showcase their musical talents plus play live in front of thousands.

“The most compelling aspect of working on Pacific Break for a second year is the sustained energy, passion, pride and enthusiasm that Pacific musicians continue to bring to the competition through such a wide range of musical styles,” stated Steve Hassett, Producer of Pacific Break.

Like last year’s winner, “26 Roots” (pronounced two-six roots), the 2009 Pacific Break winner will be provided with an all expenses paid invitation to perform at Fest’napuan, Vanuatu’s annual music festival in November this year.

“We’re offering local unsigned musicians across the Pacific the opportunity to showcase their talent and this continues to demonstrate Radio Australia’s ongoing commitment to the Pacific”, says Brendon Telfer, Executive Producer of Radio Australia. “We’re also working with a variety of local partners, and have dedicated an enormous amount of energy into this competition hoping that we can provide opportunities for unsigned original musicians in the Pacific.”

From reggae to hip-hop, country and acoustic, a variety of local sounds from PNG to the Cook Islands can be heard over the airwaves through Radio Australia’s unique Pan Pacific music competition – Pacific Break.

Spanning five time zones and 5 months in 2008, the first Pacific Break competition embarked on a journey of discovery, managing to uncover some incredible unsigned Pacific musicians with the eventual winner “26 Roots”, heralding from Vanuatu. The best selection of Pacific Break 2008 entries has since been assembled into a compilation CD distributed free to select outlets and is also currently available for download online.

Pacific Break 2009 entries can regularly be heard all across the Pacific on Radio Australia’s In the Loop program hosted by Isabelle Genoux and Clement Paligaru. Pacific Break materials both past and present can be viewed at: www.radioaustralia.net.au/pacificbreak.

Entries for Pacific Break 2009 close on the 1st September.

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