

Ceremonies

One of the features of the SLAM conference is the ceremonies which take place throughout the conference. Ceremonies have many purposes - just think of the pre-game chant of the Springbok rugby team! This year there will be four ceremonies, each marking the transition of the four phases that the conference passes through in the program design.

The opening ceremony will focus on welcoming all participants, each with their own wisdom from their own experience, their own traditions and their own communities. The opening ceremony will be accompanied by the inspiring music of Heather and Kym Cunio.

For the closing ceremony the focus will be on gratitude and grounding, anchoring the collective wisdom of the community at the conference and what each participant will take away. Once again this year the gongs of Myste will help to create a transformational atmosphere for the departure.



Myste is a partnership between Paula Novotna (left) and Is Guillemin (right). They design sacred sound and storytelling workshops for private groups and organisations. They create rituals, rites of passage, sound meditations (with singing bowls, planetary gongs, percussions, flutes, and voice), and group musical improvisations. Is also offers individual Sound Sessions and Feng Shui consultations with Sound.

Is and Paula are, respectively, musician and actor of two playback theatre troupes and have dual professional experience in the healing arts and in the corporate world. Is, after a decade working in human resources, has been working for the past 13 years as a therapist blending Gong Work, Body Work, Holistic Counselling and Sound Journeys. She also makes various instruments including bamboo flutes. Paula is a part-time Solicitor at LegalAid NSW, a Gong Player and a Storyteller.

Their mission: to anchor, promote and increase the Creative Energy that nourishes, inspires and assists healing and growth at an individual and collective level. See their website:

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Myste will lead the closing ceremony of the next SLAM conference with Paul Eperjesi (Yeshi).