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Danny Marcel

My name's Danny Marcel, I'm 27 and I come partly from Paunangisu on the island of Efate and partly from Hog Harbour on the island of Espirito Santo in Vanuatu. I've worked with Wan Smolbag since 2004, when they were looking for a mean man to play a singer in the film 'Mr. Right Guy'. You guessed it; I was the wrong one!

I did a couple of films after that and started island touring with the main group. We take plays around villages on remote islands and run workshops after the plays with the village people to see what they think about the issues in the play. I learnt a lot over that time about how to get people talking and I've learnt a lot from what they had to say. I've been all over the country to places I had never seen before. I've been involved in developing 3 new plays for touring with the main group and I've also acted in large full length plays that we perform in Vila (the capital) and in Luganville, Santo each year. We get audiences of around 5,000 people each season, so that's pretty exciting. I've acted in 4 full-length plays so far and I've found the experience challenging as an actor. The big plays also mean I spend a lot of time up ladders moving stage lights!

Wan Smolbag spends half the year working on a 10 part TV series called Love Patrol. We've made LP for the past 4 years and we're making the 5th series now. I'm one of the main characters in the series but I'm also a crew member and have learnt lots about film lighting and carrying cables! The equipment we have takes a long time to pack up and unpack, so though we're called Wan Smolbag we now have one small truck to carry some of the film equipment from location to location. Love Patrol shows all over the Pacific and is pretty popular in Fiji and PNG and has shown on Maori TV as well as ABC international. I guess that's why we've ended up at this summit. See you all there..... PEACE!!