



La rue du Mont Cenis
presents

Family song

Zale Seck

Assane Seck and the Japon daagou
Japan tour

A film by

Caroline Pochon

Zale Seck, a famous senegalese singer, makes a tour in Japan with his son, Assane, a gifted guitar player. He wants to transmit his knowledge at this great occasion...

Family song (Comme un air de famille) (56'), was premiered in *California music video festival*, march 2021. It won the **best documentary feature price**. It was also released in *Vues d'Afrique* of Montreal, and in the *Lift-off festival* of Tokyo. **TV5Monde** is buying the francophone rights (in a 52' version of the film).



When Africa meets Japan, it is musical ! **Zale Seck**, a famous senegalese singer, has made senegalese's audience heart beat. He is also an ambassador of african music worldwide.



For years, he has played with his group : the Japon Daagou, with Japanese musicians (**Kazufumi Tsuchimura**, bass, **Hideko Kimura**,

keyboards, **Ken Tsunoda**, drums, **Alkhaly Daisuke**, percussions) and his beloved son, **Assane Seck**, a gifted guitar player. They have performed in Senegal, Canada and Japan.



Let's follow the musicians in their **Japon** tour ! From Tokyo to the beautiful countryside. The senegalese musiciens fall in love with Japan.



Music has no borders. Japanese audience enjoys Zale Seck and his music, played from the bottom of the heart. This film speaks both wolof, japanese, french and english. Music is the language !



The film shows the complicity between father and son, on stage and back stage. It is about griotic tradition and transmission.



The word of the film-maker



As a french documentary film maker (**The hidden side of the bottom** (La face cachée des fesses), **From pills to thrills**, Arte, La deuxième femme), I was very happy to be part of this **Japan tour with Zale Seck** and to film african and japanese musician rehearsing and performing together. I tried to share music, grace. Rythm. Humanity. Fun. Spirituality. Joy. As would say *Edouard Glissant*, welcome into the « **tout-monde** » !

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La rue du Mont Cenis has produced Caroline Pochon's fiction short film (**Ô solitude**, Le cœur net, with Alice de Lencquesaing) in 2014 and short documentaries (**Namanala**, **Allégeance**, **Abbas**).

Trailer (2'30) : <https://vimeo.com/515467778> (french subtitles)

Film (56') : <https://vimeo.com/437423433> pass word : zale

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