



Zeena Suavaga and Mohamad Mustapha.

Vote for rising star's new film

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MOHAMAD Mustapha is a Lakemba filmmaker whose star is on the rise and he needs your help.

At 19, he and a creative partner started QUESTION, which produces videos, especially of urban Polynesian musicians. Mustapha's YouTube channel has 59,000 subscribers and over 23 million views. It includes DSS playing *Apple of My Eye* in Paul Keating Park with over 6.3 million views.

In 2016, Mustapha won the grand prize for open entrant short film in the NOVA Employment Focus On Ability Short Film Festival with the film *Swish*. It stars Campsie national wheelchair basketballer Zeena Suavaga. The festival asks filmmakers to focus on the ability of people with a disability.

Mustapha is again a finalist in the 2017 festival with *Instant*, a comedy which also stars Suavaga. He is up for the judge's choice award but he is urging people to vote – the film with the most online votes wins \$10,000.

"I'm absolutely proud of what we were able to achieve in a short period of time, and the limited budget we had," he said.

Vote for *Instant* at focusonability.com.au by Monday, August 7.