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Jessica grew up in the Netherlands, far from the Moluccan islands that her grandparents once had to leave behind. But they brought the music of *Maluku* with them: traditional folk songs with rhythms like the swell of the waves and melodies like a warm breeze on the beach. For as long as Jessica can remember, these *Lagu Lagu* have been performed in her family's living room in three-part harmony.

Her innate love and talent for music brought her to the Utrecht Conservatory. After graduating she made a name for herself in Dutch soul/pop music, performing with international acts such as Jett Rebel, the Metropole Orchestra and Jacob Collier.

But the nostalgia for the island of Ambon had settled deep into her DNA. It formed the inspiration for her debut-album in 2017 (TOMA!), and in 2022 she will release the long-awaited follow-up. Accompanied by guitar, ukulele, bass, percussion and two backing vocals, Jessica proves to be a skilful and soulful interpreter of the music of her ancestors. She tenderly tugs at the heart strings of her listeners - leaving them with a blissful sense of sweet nostalgia for a beautiful place far away.