



KEYWORDS

interview
festive studies
celebrations
New Books Network
Haiti
Carnival
ethnomusicology
Haitian music

INTERVIEW

Isabel Machado, University of Johannesburg, South Africa

Isabel Machado interviews Rebecca Hope Dirksen on *After the Dance, the Drums Are Heavy: Carnival, Politics, and Musical Engagement in Haiti* (Oxford University Press, 2020).

Interview date: March 17, 2021

The audio of this interview is available on the *Journal of Festive Studies* website at <https://doi.org/10.33823/jfs.2021.3.1.121>.

Rebecca Dirksen is an ethnomusicologist working across the spectrum of musical genres in Haiti and its diaspora. Her research concerns cultural approaches to development, crisis, and disaster; sacred ecologies, diverse environmentalisms, and ecomusicology; and applied/engaged/activist scholarship. She is a professor in the Department of Folklore and Ethnomusicology at Indiana University Bloomington and a founding member of the Diverse Environmentalisms Research Team (DERT).

Isabel Machado is Research Associate with the SARChI Chair in South African Art and Visual Culture hosted by the Faculty of Art, Design & Architecture at the University of Johannesburg.

OPEN ACCESS

© 2021 by the author. Licensee [H-Net: Humanities & Social Sciences Online](https://www.h-net.org/). This interview was originally published on New Books in Celebration Studies, part of the [New Books Network](https://www.newbooksnetwork.com/), and is distributed under the terms and conditions of the **Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivs 3.0** license (<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/3.0/>)

HOW TO CITE

Machado, Isabel. Interview with Rebecca Dirksen. *Journal of Festive Studies* 3 (2021): 284. <https://doi.org/10.33823/jfs.2021.3.1.121>

The Journal of Festive Studies (ISSN 2641–9939) is a peer-reviewed open access journal from [H-Celebration](https://www.h-net.org/), a network of [H-Net: Humanities & Social Sciences Online](https://www.h-net.org/), and is the inaugural journal published through the [H-Net Journals](https://www.h-net.org/journals) initiative. It can be found online at <https://journals.h-net.org/jfs>.