



## MEDIA RELEASE

# GREEKS AND THE CITY 29<sup>TH</sup> LONSDALE ST GREEK FESTIVAL

**25 FEBRUARY 2016** – Dreaming of a Greek getaway? No need to get on a plane, just come on down to the **29th Lonsdale St Greek Festival** this weekend, when the heart of Melbourne is set to beat to a Greek rhythm for two days as the sights, sounds and smells will make you feel like you are holidaying in the Mediterranean.

Revered singer and performer **Alkinoos Ioannidis (from Cyprus)** headlines the Festival this year, taking to the Delphi Bank stage on Saturday 27 February.

## WATCH + LISTEN

The **29th Lonsdale St Greek Festival** will have three stages this year where people can enjoy the sounds of local bands including **PolyXeni**, **Galata Express** and **Gyftos Lite**; take a **Tsifteteli Pump** class, learn at the **Procal Greek Kitchen**, cheer on the **Zorba 'til You Drop** participants and dance through the many regions of Greece.

The **Qatar Airways Stage** will see new talent emerge during our newly established **Magic Mic** singing competition plus a host of local dancing groups reflecting the many regions of Greece, an outside broadcast from SBS Radio and DJs from Rythmos radio.

Much loved **My Kitchen Rules** Greek twins Helena and Vikki Moursellas will be hosting the **Procal Greek Kitchen** across the weekend. The sisters who are now based in Sydney have been working hard since their time on the television cooking show in 2014, releasing their first cook book **Taking You Home** and opening their own Greek and modern Australian restaurant at Sydney's Civic Hotel, **Twofold**, last year. During the evening, the kitchen will flip to a 'taverna', bringing together rebetika and folk from all of Greece.

## EAT

Foodies rejoice! Bring your appetite to the Festival - Lonsdale Street will be packed with street food vendors all weekend, dishing up classic and modern twists on Greek snacks and sweets. The whole of Lonsdale St will be lined with traders serving a plethora of delicious treats including **The Cypriot Kitchen**, **St. Gerry's**, **Greek Street Food**, **Cypriot Street Food**, **Mr. Calamaro**, **To Nostimo**, **Biskit Bar**, **Two Men and a Lemon** and many more. Historic Greek Precinct faithfuls



**Stalactites** and **Tsindos** restaurants will extend their trading out onto the street, along with others within the precinct including taqueria **Touché Hombre**.

## **CHILL**

The **Festival Bar** will be the ideal place to sit back, sip on a range of Greek beverages and take in the festivities.

## **KIDS**

Keep the little ones entertained with a weekend-long program of entertainment and activities. In the KIDS ZONE, enjoy facepainting, magic shows and craft activities all weekend, while thrill seekers can jump on one of the many on-site rides.

## **PLAN YOUR JOURNEY TO THE FESTIVAL**

Show us your bike! Cycle to the Festival and we'll shout you a coffee. Come past the Accreditation Tent at the corner of Russell & Lonsdale Streets and we'll give you a voucher to use at the Festival.

The 29<sup>th</sup> Lonsdale St Greek Festival is a Greek Community of Melbourne event. The very full program is available at <http://www.greekcentre.com.au/lonsdalestreetfestival/>

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## **LISTING DETAILS**

### **29th Lonsdale St Greek Festival**

Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 February, 2016

Cnr Lonsdale & Russell Street, Melbourne

1pm – late – FREE EVENT – [lonsdalestfestival.com.au](http://lonsdalestfestival.com.au)

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