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Celebrate Greek carnivalé at the Lonsdale Street Glendi: 25 & 26 February, 2012

The **Lonsdale Street Glendi**, a highlight of the Greek Community's Antipodes Festival, which this year celebrates 25 years, will once again celebrate *apokries* – the tradition of carnivalé, in what promises to be two days of frivolity, good food and free entertainment for the whole family. This free street party staged along Melbourne's Lonsdale Street, brings together local and international performers, cooking demonstrations, children's activities and food, for a weekend of fun and feasting.

This year's headline act is **Pantelis Thalassinos**, one of Greece's most iconic contemporary singers and songwriters, and with this being his first visit to Australia, it will be huge. He performs at 8pm on Saturday 25 February on the main stage, Lonsdale Street.

THE WEEKEND WILL INCLUDE:

Zorba 'till You Drop – Dancing Competition – presented by Touchdown Tours

Sunday 26 February, 1.00pm, Main Stage

You might need the endurance of Nadal or Djokovic to make it to the end of this dancing competition. The last person dancing will be rewarded with a return flight to Greece courtesy of Touchdown Tours. Entry forms available from www.antipodesfestival.com.au or at the event.

Cultural Plateia – Showcasing regions from Greece.

Melbourne's Greek community is supported by a number of cultural associations which encourage the preservation of traditions, music and dances. Regions include Cyprus, Crete, Peloponnese, Epirus, Macedonia, Thrace and Pontos and these areas and their carnivalé traditions will be represented in the 'Plateia' (or square) by the various cultural associations.

Kids Space – Presented by Della Rosa Fine Foods

Children will love what's on offer in the kids space. Greek dancing demonstrations, lessons, storytelling and carnival rides. As well as entertainment on stage, children can create their own masks, make kites or have their face painted.

Greek Kitchen – Presented by Chobani Greek Yogurt

Some of Melbourne's finest Greek chefs, cooking instructors and home cooks will be on show in the Chobani Greek Kitchen. Travis McAuley, head chef Hellenic Republic, will present popular dishes from the award-winning restaurant's menu. Chefs Phil Vakos (best known from Masterchef Australia and Philhellene) and Vas Donoudis will demonstrate their flair at creating contemporary Greek dishes.

Cooking Demonstrations: 2pm-7pm Saturday 25 February & 1pm-7pm Sunday 26 February.

Lonsdale Street Glendi

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Cnr Lonsdale & Russell Street, Melbourne

1pm – 11.30pm – FREE EVENT – www.antipodesfestival.com.au

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