

MEDIA RELEASE

GLYKERIA GRACES MELBOURNE FOR THE RETURN OF THE GREEK ANTIPODES FESTIVAL!

MELBOURNE, February 18, 2009 – The Greek Antipodes Festival is excited to announce that Greek music royalty, **Glykeria** will light up Lonsdale Street at this year's Antipodes Greek Festival on the evening of Saturday March 21. Glykeria famous not only in her native Greece but around the globe will perform live in an open-air concert for this years Greek Antipodes Festival – a free weekend celebrating all things Greek on **Saturday March 21 and Sunday March 22**.

"It's an exciting time for the revamped Antipodes Festival, not only are we overjoyed to present such a legendary guest for all of Melbourne to enjoy, but we return after a year away – once again turning Lonsdale Street into a fun packed Greek village, where the public can enjoy Greek food, arts and entertainment. We have a new enthusiastic artistic team, and are committed to the events" future said Antipodes Festival Chair, Leonidas Vlahakis.

The ever evolving Glykeria will thrill audiences on the main stage on the Saturday evening, and the beautiful Greek-Canadian pop star, Maro Lytra, famous for her role in the Greek music reality television show *Fame Story* will headline Sunday night's entertainment.

The music doesn't stop there though, local music artists perform throughout the weekend including the new *Disco Odyssey*, which will see some of Melbourne's best Greek-Australian DJ's mixing Greek tunes with contemporary new beats. Other festivities include the famous Zorba dance till you drop, (a true test of endurance), Baklavomania eating competition, Tavli (backgammon) championship and fashion parades.

Greeks love their gardens, so those with a green thumb can come and learn simple methods in sustainable gardening and energy saving ideas with special guest Vasili Kanidiadis from Channel 31's Vasili's Garden. Kids can enjoy hours of activities in the large creative arts area and carnival rides, while the parents can relax in the new Greek garden area, where two screens will showcase footage from the two music stages and the stalls around the festival.

"Lonsdale Street will be transformed into an odyssey of Greek culture in contemporary Australia. There will be a food fest of culinary delights, and the street will be buzzing with local musicians and entertainment for the entire family to enjoy" Festival Coordinator Joe Mavrikos added.

LISTING INFO:

When: Saturday March 21 & Sunday March 22

Where: Lonsdale Street Greek Precinct's Melbourne (In between Exhibition & Swanston Streets)

Admission: Free

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