

## 2009 ANTIPODES FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

**MELBOURNE, Wednesday 11 March, 2009** – The **Antipodes Greek Festival** kicks off in just under two weeks and with more exciting program events just announced, its not to be missed. So head down to Lonsdale Street on **Saturday March 21** and **Sunday March 22**.

\* International songstress **Glykeria** is headlining the entertainment on the Saturday evening and has also just announced a second performance that will take place on the Sunday night with all donations going to the **Victorian Bush Fire Appeal**. Other music guests include world music performers from the Islands of Rhodes & Lesvos.

\* **Chef George Calombaris** from *The Press Club* and the new *Hellenic Republic* and soon to be judge on new Channel Ten show *Master Chef Australia* will be one of the Guest MC's at the Festival Saturday 21 March.

Other festival highlights include two competitions that are sure to test the skills of any Greek food fanatic; the **Baklavomia** and **Souvlathon**, with restaurant vouchers and a Nintendo Wii up for grabs for winners; if dancing is your thing why not try your luck at the Zorba till you drop dance comp, proudly presented by the Bank of Cyprus.

While the kids are enjoying eating, carnival rides and the creative arts area, parents can chill out in the new Greek Garden Area and if gardening is your thing then why not get advice from gardening guru **Vasili Kanidiadis** from Channel 31's *Vasili's Garden*.

The two music stages will keep the beats coming all weekend with dance music that will encompass Modern Greek music mixed with your favorite dance tunes. The Disco Odyssey stage have announced the line up for the weekend which will include **DJs Dimi-Traxx, Dean Paps, Steve Bleas TKO, Kosta K, James Belias, Van-G, John Baptiste** and more.

The 2009 Antipodes Festival extends beyond the weekend of the Lonsdale Street Glendi, with a number of events running right through to September. These include, George Kapiniaris in his comedy show *Rockstar*, theatre shows such as *Café Rebetika*, *Looming the Memory* and *Salonika Bound*, photographic exhibitions and book launches; all culminating with the Greek Film Festival in September.

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# MEDIA RELEASE

To kick start the Greek celebrations, a special screening of *Mikis Theodorakis: The Man, The Legend, The Genius* will take place at the Astor Theatre on Tuesday 17 March at 7.30pm, featuring live performance of Theodorakis music by music group Orpheus.

## GIVEAWAY:

For your chance to win a double pass to *Mikis Theodorakis: The Man, The Legend, The Genius* go to [www.antipodesfestival.com.au](http://www.antipodesfestival.com.au) and subscribe to the newsletter.

## LISTING INFO:

When: Saturday March 21 & Sunday March 22

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

Admission: Free

More information: [antipodesfestival.com.au](http://antipodesfestival.com.au)



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