VIVA VICTORIA
FESTIVAL PROGRAM

SUNDAY
25 MARCH 2012
12PM–6PM
FED SQUARE
FREE ADMISSION
WELCOME to the Viva Victoria festival 2012! Each year this multicultural extravaganza at Federation Square brings together Victorians from all walks of life, to support community harmony and celebrate our State’s rich cultural diversity.

This year the festival marks the culmination of Victoria’s 10th Cultural Diversity Week and promises to be bigger and brighter than ever! So grab a spot close to the stage for a massive and diverse line up of some of Australia’s finest multicultural performers.

New for 2012 is the Viva Dance Stage where you can enjoy a showcase of multicultural children’s dance groups, Suara Indonesia dance and much more – see page 4 for the full line up.

If all that activity sounds exhausting, why not escape to the world market area where you can indulge in some retail therapy. Market stalls featuring unique contemporary and traditional art and craft products are on sale – see pages 11 to 12 for full details.

Along the River Terrace you can sample cuisine from around the world – there’s something to suit everyone’s taste. You can also relax with a cold drink and some relaxing tunes.

So from world music and dance performances, global cuisine, colourful arts and crafts, kids’ activities, roving performers and much more, there really is something for everyone at this family-friendly fun day out.

Enjoy the festivities Viva Victoria!
SETIA VIVA STAGE

GRAB A SPOT CLOSE TO THE STAGE FOR A MASSIVE AND DIVERSE LINE UP OF SOME OF AUSTRALIA’S FINEST MULTICULTURAL PERFORMERS.

MC
SIMON PALOMARES
A comedian, actor and now a singer in Tango band El Boilche de Simon, but most of you will remember him as Ricky from Acropolis Now!

12:00PM WELCOME TO COUNTRY
Wurundjeri Council – Aunty Caroline Briggs

12:10PM KUNDALILA
Bringing together unique acappella and acoustic sound drawing upon the group’s many cultural backgrounds – Congolese, Zimbabwean, Greek and Australian.

12:30PM HKUD LADO GEELONG
A truly authentic repertoire including some beautiful examples of Croatia’s rich music and dance tradition in national costume, accompanied by ancient wind instruments in a complete “tamburica” orchestra.

1:30PM OPA!
A fully fledged Balkan Brass Orchestra based in Australia. Inspired by the Serbian tradition of the famous Golden Trumpet Festival and Balkan brass bands, conjuring the experience and sound of age old fusion.

2:30PM QUARTER STREET ORQUESTA
Motivated by the passion of salsa luminaries such as Eddie Palmieri and Hector Lavoe and the raw sounds of New York in the 1970’s, Quarter St. Orquesta revisit an era where the music of the streets resonated with the voice of the people.

3:00PM ROYAL SWAZI SPA BAND
An outstanding line up of musical talent, the Royal Swazi Spa perform original and traditional South African repertoire including well known works by Abdullah Ibrahim and Miriam Makeba.

3:40PM BLUE KING BROWN
Australia’s premier eight piece live urban roots crew. Lead by the multi-talented, Natalie Pa’apa’a. Powerful vocals and lyrics meet a dancehall, roots, rock and afro groove mash-up, built on an irrepressible percussive foundation.

VIVA DANCE STAGE

NEW FOR 2012, THE VIVA DANCE STAGE WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES FROM MULTICULTURAL DANCE GROUPS.

12:50PM SHOWCASE OF CHILDRENS DANCE GROUPS
Te Karangatahi Maori Cultural Group
Well known nursery rhymes and songs, and of course the haka!

Raices Flamenca
Dance, song and guitar, temas flamencos from Spain’s Andalucia region lead by Conchita Gonzalez.

Verchovyna Dance Ensemble
Elementary Ukrainian dance group performing their own version of the hopak.

Dalouna
Dabkah dance from the Middle Eastern traditions performed by this young group from Dandenong.

2:10PM SUARA INDONESIA DANCE
Suara explore the diversity of traditions across the archipelago with dances from Java, Bali and Sumatra, including the rhythmic body percussion dances from West Sumatra and dances from Aceh-North Sumatra.

3:10PM FRESH OFF THE BLOCK VS CULTURE CREW
Fresh Off the Block crew Demi Sorono aka Demilition B-Girl, B-boy Jester and Mr Fox B-boy Flyin Foxy put their flamboyant B-boying, popping and locking skills up against the talented Culture Crew.

4:30PM FOUR 4 DANCE
World Champions in Folk, Show and Tap! A spectacular show with a unique style incorporating Irish, Spanish, Russian and German dances combined with traditional Hungarian folk dance.
MUSIC AND DANCE

SETIA RIVERSIDE STAGE

CHECK OUT SOME EXCITING EMERGING TALENTS AND UNIQUE CULTURAL PERFORMANCES, ON THE SETIA RIVERSIDE STAGE.

MC
MIKELANGELO
The self proclaimed ‘Bull of the Balkans’, Mikelangelo is an internationally acclaimed crooner and showman.

12:30PM
THE LOST CLOG
Beautiful two or four part harmonies drawing on the rhythms of Pagan Lithuania, as well as Lithuanian polyphonic songs which have been UNESCO Heritage listed due to their unique sound and cultural significance.

1:30PM
LA MAUVAISE REPUTATION
Joyous and infectious French music of the 20s, 30s and 40s featuring songs from the greats of that period: Trenet, Brel, Brassens, Piaf, Ulmer, and more modern additions from artists such as Serge Gainsbourg and Les Ogres du Barback.

2:30PM
KLEZMANIA
Take a journey through the diverse cultures of the “Old World” of Romania, the Balkans, Turkey and the Ukraine to the USA and Australia with this spirited original music. Enjoy the depth and colour of klezmer music and Yiddish folk.

3:30PM
BLACK ORCHID STRING BAND
Unique, harmonious music performed by a group of young talented West Papuans who aim to preserve and celebrate Melanesian culture through songs, stories, language and arts.

4:30PM
SARITAH
Saritah’s live shows are colourful celebrations of life, and her original sound is influenced by a diversity of music and culture from around the world.

5:30PM
TATU REI
Some of Australia’s premium musicians bring you Brazilian Jazz at its best, combining Samba, Bossa grooves with contemporary jazz melodies and arrangements.

YOU’LL FIND LOTS OF ACTIVITIES TO KEEP THE WHOLE FAMILY ENTERTAINED AT VIVA VICTORIA.

PHOTO BOOTH PROJECT
On your way to the Ubuntu stage in BMW Edge, drop by the Atrium to see the Photo Booth Project. This new addition for 2012 involves public housing residents from culturally diverse backgrounds living in Richmond, providing a snapshot of diversity in this area and bringing multiculturalism to life for festival goers.

RANGOLI
St Paul’s Court will feature Rangoli, a traditional Indian form of folk art, often created to celebrate festive occasions. Intricate patterns are drawn on the floor with chalk or flour and filled in with coloured rice, dried pulses and flowers. You are invited to help build our own colourful Viva Victoria Rangoli design!

KIDS ACTIVITIES
Children will love escaping into the Mongolian ger (a traditional wooden framed tent) in Fed Square. Puppet making, face painting and story-telling will keep children of all ages entertained.

FOOTY FOR ALL
Brought to the Viva Victoria festival by Australia Post, this inclusive footy program is all about celebrating diversity. Festival-goers can take part in some fun footy action in Federation Square and meet the winners and runners up from the Unity Cup.

TURKISH ART
New to this year’s Viva Victoria, you can have a go at traditional forms of Turkish art, Ebru (paper marbling) and calligraphy. Ebru art is a technique of printing multi-coloured swirls or patterns on paper with natural dyes that are sprinkled onto the surface of thickened water. Calligraphy (beautiful writing) has always been the most recognised form of scripture for any kind of book of importance. This form of art work is based around beautiful and meaningful phrases, sayings and quotes. Explore the tools of the trade and have a go at calligraphy writing at Viva. Be sure to visit the Ebru and Calligraphy stands to try your hand at these traditional techniques.

PANNA FOOTBALL
Supported by Melbourne Victory. Panna is Dutch slang for ‘playing the ball through your opponents legs’ and Panna football games last up to three minutes. The games are one on one in an octagonal cage with small goals at opposite sides – the ultimate aim is to panna your opponent and win the game outright! A game to be enjoyed by players of all ages and abilities.
UBUNTU STAGE

Featuring music, dance, and poetry from some of Victoria’s most talented young performers.

UBUNTU is a philosophy based on inter-connectedness. The word has its origins in the languages of Southern Africa and refers to humanity, compassion, generosity of spirit and respect towards others. The Ubuntu Youth Stage harnesses this sentiment and provides an opportunity for young people from diverse communities to express themselves creatively.

MC’s

Yung Philly has been enthralling Melbourne audiences as a rapper and MC at events across Victoria, including Multicultural HYPFest, Beyond Blue, and Ubuntu 2011. He shares his talent, insights and many experiences as a performer with young people in Victorian schools and community programs.

Victor Victor is passionate about working with the community. He believes ‘there is so much to be done and less time to do it. Victor loves making people smile through his work as a host, Hip Hop and Spoken Word artist and has just been nominated for the Australia Day, “Young Citizen Award”.

1.40PM

MASSIVE HIP HOP CHOIR original tracks for mass voices with three part harmony, beat-boxing and hip hop choreography sparked with Pacific Island movement.

2:00PM

8 BIT LOVE electronic dance outfit incorporating guitars, synths, laptops, and drums to keep things interesting and get the crowd moving. Whether you’re the type to tap your toes, nod your head, or wildly dance around in the middle of the room, 8 Bit Love will make you want to move!

2:15PM

SWINBURNE PUNJABI CLUB Promoting multiculturalism at Swinburne University through the rich Punjabi culture. Expect a colourful celebration with loads of dancing!

2:25PM

BOUNCZN A not-for-profit dance company committed to providing young Australians between the ages of 12-26 with the opportunity to grow and develop through dance.

2:35PM

BENNY WALKER Through his intuitive, heartfelt songs, Benny’s music combines reggae and blues with acoustic folk, following in the musical footsteps of his Indigenous father and grandfathers.

2:50PM

WUBE DIABLO Originally from Ethiopia and recently back from an international tour, Wube astounds with his juggling and acrobatic talents. Accompanied by DJs from Ladyfingers: Melbourne’s first all-women DJ collective.

3:00PM

ALIA GABREZ A spoken word artist from the Centre for Poetics and Justice, striving to connect the pieces of human experience through expression and emotion.

3:05PM

THE SOCIAL STUDIO FASHION PARADE Local designer fashions brought to you from TSS, a fashion school, designer clothing label, café and community space, bringing together the style and skills of the young refugee community.

3:20PM

HIJAB PARADE Showcasing the richness and cross cultural influences visible in the Islamic headscarf from Sareera Youth: an Islamic, non-profit organisation working to empower female Australian Muslim youth.

3:30PM

DIAFRIX This Melbourne multi-genre duo, made up of African born MCs Azmarino and Momo, is one of the most refreshing bands in the Australian musical landscape.

4:05PM

GUA PROJECT COLLABORATION MEETS FRESH MOB Featuring: Fresh Future, Jungle City Massive, 269 Entertainment, Macc Too ’feat. Fly Bz, Ree Jay, Chakuen and JP, Culture Crew, Dark $.Paid and Apprentice, with Ladyfingers

4:45PM

AFRO BEATS INTERACTIVE DRUMMING PERFORMANCE A dynamic, colourful and theatrical spectacle combining irresistible rhythms and high-energy dances of West African folklore.

MULTIFAITH MULTICULTURAL YOUTH NETWORK (MMYN)

The Multifaith Multicultural Youth Network (MMYN) was established to provide advice to the Victorian Government on issues that affect young Victorians from culturally, religiously and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The MMYN is 27 young people from a range of faiths, cultures, ages, geographical locations and life experiences.

Ubuntu is the result of a partnership between the MMYN and community-based organisation Footprints, which engages young people from diverse backgrounds through the creative arts to foster social inclusion and participation. Both the MMYN and Footprints were pivotal in the coordination of Ubuntu.
GLOBAI FOOD

A DIVERSE RANGE OF DELICIOUS SWEET AND SAVOURY DISHES ARE ON OFFER AT VIVA VICTORIA. TRY SOMETHING NEW AND TAKE YOUR TASTEBUDS ON A GLOBAL TOUR.

BELLA PASTA E DOLCI
Fresh pasta, homemade ice creams and sorbets, all made from fresh local ingredients.

BRASIL’S BEST
Delicious dishes from around Brazil including empadas, pao de queijo and picanha skewers.

DELICIOUS MAURITIUS
Offering a blend of tropical cuisine to charm your taste buds. Most items are exclusively found in the traditional exotic kitchens of Mauritius.

DON EDUARDOS
100% authentic Mexican dishes that cater to vegetarians, vegans and meat lovers.

FLYING WOKS
Asian-inspired dishes including pad gratium prik and pad thai cooked fresh before your eyes.

GALINA’S PIROSHKY
Traditional Russian Piroshky, a delicious fried ball of fluffy bread with a selection of mouth-watering savoury fillings inside.

GOURMET CURRY HUT
Tantalise your tastebuds with exotic and authentic Indian cuisine, taking you on a culinary voyage across India.

GOZLEME QUEEN
Traditional Turkish pastry with a variety of fillings. Choose vegetarian, cheese or spinach, or try a chocolate gozleme!

ISLAND KNIGHTS
CARIBBEAN ISLAND FLAVOURS
Direct from Trinidad and the Caribbean Isles of the West Indies, dishes are prepared with traditional spices and toppings that will make your tastebuds zing.

LA MORENITA LATIN CUISINE
Gourmet South American empanadas and the hard to resist chorizo topped with pebre (hot salsa sauce).

LATIN OZ
Crispy Latin American donuts filled with luscious chocolate or caramel.

MACHU PICCHU TASTE
Peruvian BBQ and stuffed potatoes are just some of the traditional delights you will find here.

NEPAL DINING ROOM
Mouth-watering Nepalese momo dumplings and grilled chicken served with authentic Nepalese tomato chutney.

OH LA LA
Authentic French crêpes, galettes and canelés de Bordeaux, sweet or savoury, whatever takes your fancy.

SEÑOR BBQ
For the meat lover! Mixed grills, beef ribs, chicken wings and chorizo rolls. Slow-cooked over hot coals the Argentinean way.

SPANISH GOURMET CATERERS
Authentic Spanish food including seafood or chicken and chorizo paella, flaming grilled chorizo and a refreshing sangria.

TEAM KIELBASA
REAL POLISH SAUSAGES
Experience a taste of Poland with sausages in rustic bread rolls, with sauerkraut and zesty condiments.

THE CUTTING TABLE
Delicious East African flavours including traditional cabbage and ingera rolls.

THE INDONESIAN SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Indonesian favourites including nasi goreng, gado gado, beef rending, lamb and chicken satay.

VIETNAM FOOD HOUSE
Vietnamese street food with favourites including rice paper rolls, pho and BBQ pork buns.

WAGNER’S GERMAN GOURMET SAUSAGES
Come try a Bratwurst, Weisswurst or Kransky sausage, made in the authentic German style. Wunderbar!

YASSNA’S PITTERIA
Specialising in Bosnian and Herzegovina style chevapi sausages, bureks, tufahije and pitta, to name just a few of the delights on offer.
INSPIRED BY CULTURES FROM AROUND THE WORLD, THESE ARTISTS AND TRADERS DRAW ON VICTORIA’S GLOBAL CONNECTIONS AND MULTICULTURAL ORIGINS.

**ASAI CRAFT**
Columbian bags, shoes and jewellery made with fibres, beads, seeds and fruit skin, woven on looms, inspired by the traditional art of indigenous communities.

**BIRD’S GALLERY**
Ceramic hand-made bells and wind chimes, influenced by Lithuanian traditional folk art and finished with a contemporary twist.

**EAST TIMOR WOMEN AUSTRALIA**
ETWA’s range of fair trade handmade items are designed and made in East Timor and feature traditional weaving known as tais.

**ENTA**
Teas from around the world: over 20 varieties created by blending high-grade tea leaves with herbs, fruit and spices.

**FOODIE TRAILS CULTURAL MELBOURNE**
India, Africa and Turkey are all represented here with scarfs, tunics and spices. You can even dress up in costume to have your photo taken.

**HENNA ART**
A traditional form of body art, a unique way to decorate your body with Indian and Arabic designs.

**JUMLLA JEWELLERY**
Columbian and Andean inspired contemporary jewellery locally designed and handcrafted in precious metal and stones.

**KOGUIS FAIRTRADE HANDICRAFTS AND JEWELLERY**
Made by indigenous Columbian artisans from a variety of materials and designs including woven cane, leather, silver and jute.

**LAO SILK AND CRAFT**
Representing a fair trade cooperative, with natural and sustainably produced silk and Hmong-styled fashion, home décor, accessories and textiles.

**MUNDO MAYA CENTRAL AMERICAN HANDICRAFTS**
Colourful and ethically traded handicrafts from Guatemala featuring traditional weaving, embroidery and beading styles of indigenous Mayan artisans.

**OM DESIGNS**
Handmade Indonesian/Balinese jewellery and accessories made from ethically-sourced wood, coconut, cotton, leather and silver.

**OMKARA DESIGNS**
Colourful and unique handmade bags, leather goods, antique mirror belts and more from across India.

**PACIFIC WOMEN**
Handmade jewellery and crafts from women of the Pacific Islands.

**QUETZALLI**
Funky handicrafts based on Mexican pop culture. Wrestling masks, day of the dead ornaments and silver jewellery.

**SANKOFA FAIR TRADE**
Fair trade and handmade African textiles, accessories and home wares. Sankofa supports women’s co-ops and employment projects.

**SOFI ARTS AND CRAFTS**
Representing Kashmir, India with textiles and home furnishings made from natural materials which are hand dyed, stitched and painted.

**WOZWASTE REINCARNATING RUBBISH**
Functional and funky products made from reclaimed waste. Fair trade products from Indonesian artisans.

**YASSNA’S UNIQUE CREATIONS**
Representing Bosnia and Herzegovina, handmade and crocheted items made from mostly recycled materials, including cards, scarves, cushions and brooches.
Viva Victoria is an opportunity for people of all walks of life to come together to experience new cultures and celebrate community harmony. Victoria considers its cultural diversity as one of its greatest assets and is recognised as being one of the world's great multicultural societies.

Viva Victoria is one of the key events of Cultural Diversity Week, which is held annually in March.

SUPPORTING HARMONY WITH AN ORANGE RIBBON
During Cultural Diversity Week we mark the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on 21 March. Wearing an orange ribbon is a personal pledge not to commit, condone or remain silent about any form of racial or religious discrimination. Show your commitment to promoting a more harmonious society, free of racism and based on respect for all Victorians.

Viva Victoria is brought to you by the Victorian multicultural commission with the support of multicultural arts Victoria.

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