



THE 28TH LONSDALE STREET FESTIVAL BRINGS RECORD CROWDS TO MELBOURNE'S ICONIC GREEK PRECINCT TO CELEBRATE ALL THINGS GREEK

Love was in the air at the **28th Lonsdale Street Festival** this weekend as more than 60,000 people flocked to the centre of Melbourne to celebrate all things Greek.

International performers **Dimitris Basis and Zoi Papadopoulou** wowed the crowd on Valentine's Night with a free outdoor concert, combining their greatest hits with a selection of popular Greek Laika that had people dancing in the streets.

Street food stalls had people munching away on Greek delicacies, while some of Melbourne's best chefs cooked up a storm on the **Hudson Pacific 7 Days Food Stage**. Craft activities and rides kept the little ones busy, and an extensive stage program kept people entertained throughout the weekend with Greek music and dancing.

ZORBA 'TIL YOU DROP WINNER DANCES HER WAY TO THE GREEK ISLANDS

The 9th annual **Zorba 'Til You Drop** competition had contestants battling it out on Saturday afternoon for the chance to win an all-expenses paid trip to the Greek Islands, courtesy of **Touchdown Tours**. Lucky winner Dimitra Katsouranis was the last one standing, scoring herself the amazing first prize.

In a spontaneous show of generosity, Jacqui Preketes of **Touchdown Tours** offered Dimitra's son a ticket to join his mother on her trip, as well as second place winner Konstantinos Papakonstantinou a return ticket to the Gold Coast.

Over on the **Hudson Pacific 7 Days Food Stage**, Melbourne's best Greek coffee makers battled it out for the top prize in the **Golden Kafetzi** competition, with Paris from Lonsdale Street's own **Stalactites** taking out the title, while on Sunday afternoon, Desi Karandaglidis beat three other hopefuls on the **Delphi Bank Stage** to win the inaugural **Loukoumadomania**.

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