



**Friday 30 May, 8pm**

**CURTAIN FALL**

Curtain Fall fuses the solid beats of rock with the natural beat of soul, taking listeners on a journey through the heart and soul of the world in which we live. With the strength of rocking beats and the power in acoustic ballads, Craig Vergara and Sam Graham will create a night of relaxation, fun and inspiration. Joined by Nicki Pereira performing her captivating original pieces.

**\$15 Door \$13 Presale \$10 KULCHA Members**



**Saturday 31 May, 8pm\***

**MAKHAMPOM THEATRE GROUP, THAILAND  
Directed by Pradit Prasarthong**

KULCHA welcomes the Makhampom Theatre group from Thailand with their performance *Mahajanok – Never Say Die*. This touring show combines the Buddhist myth of Mahajanok and the stories of trauma and conflict in Thailand today. Makhampom is a community-based theatre group working on projects for those affected by the tsunami, refugees and youth to promote dialogue about these people's struggles and humanitarian support.

**\$20 Door \$18 Presale \$16 KULCHA Members**

**SPECIAL EVENT – KULTOUR**



**10 to 24 May, 12 – 5pm daily**

**I LOVE PHO – CURATED BY CUONG PHU LE  
Breadbox Gallery, 233 James Street, Northbridge**

Pho, (fuh), is a Vietnamese beef rice noodle soup integral to Vietnamese cultural heritage. I Love Pho uses pho as a metaphor to interpret a Viet Nam whose people and history are as varied and complex as the preparation and cooking of pho itself. I Love Pho combines the work of eight artists (including two local artists), a catalogue with essays and poems written by well-known writers, performances, artists' talks and pho cooking demonstrations. A Kultour event and Casula Powerhouse project supported by the Australia Council for the Arts, the City of Perth and the Office of Multicultural Interests. See [www.kulcha.com.au/kultour](http://www.kulcha.com.au/kultour) for full program.

**EXHIBITION LAUNCH**

Friday 9 May, 6 – 8pm

**COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS**

Saturday 10 May, 11am – 1pm

**FLOOR TALKS**

Saturday 10 May, 2 – 4pm (Vietnamese) & Sunday 11 May, 3 – 5pm (English)

FREE events – book at [community@kulcha.com.au](mailto:community@kulcha.com.au)

**BE ACTIVE WORKSHOPS**



**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.30 – 10.30am\***

**TAI CHI WITH ZEE**

Join Zee for Grassroots Tai Chi and enjoy a sense of calm before you tackle the challenges of the day. Exercise your mind and body and gain the health benefits of this ancient martial art tailored for the Australian market. Enjoy flowing, gentle movements that are relaxed and slow in tempo.

**Entry by gold coin donation**



**Mondays 5 May – 9 June**

**Beg 6.30 – 7.30pm, Int 7.45 – 8.45pm,**

**Adv 9 – 10pm\***

**SALSA CLASSES**

Move to the spicy rhythm of salsa! Now with three classes to suit your level of experience, join Liliana of the Ritmo Caliente Dance Academy and learn to dance to the exotic rhythms of salsa, merengue and cha-cha! Experiment with the true flavour of Latin street-dance with fitness guaranteed. No partner required. Early bookings recommended.

**\$18 per casual class. Door sales only**



**Wednesday 7 May, 7pm\***

**ERNIE GRUNER KLEZMER MUSIC  
WORKSHOP**

Explore the expressive melodies of klezmer (Jewish folk music) with expert fiddler Ernie Gruner and learn to sing or play tunes on whatever instrument you bring along. Ernie plays regularly in Melbourne for Jewish functions and studied in Eastern Europe, where klezmer originated, as well as in New York, where it is most popular. Best suited to instrumentalists from Grade 3 upwards, but all welcome. Singers also welcome.

**\$20 Door \$18 Presale \$16 KULCHA Members**

**VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION**



**Until Tuesday 27 May**

**MY THAI**

**Dow Wasiksiri**

Dow Wasiksiri is a Thai photographer whose work ranges from fashion to documenting commercial business activity in South East Asia. Dow photographs with a quizzical eye to show the Thailand he knows, lives and feels. *My Thai* explores the Thai way of life away from the visitor's gaze, to reveal the unselfconscious behaviour of Thai people in all their playful contradictions. Presented by FotoFreo 2008.

**FREE ENTRY Weekdays 10am – 4pm**



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## Saturday 17 May, 8pm GREEK BLUES – REMBETIKI VRADIA

*Viasou* Australia! Come to this exciting night of Greek festivities and dance zorba! Enjoy traditional Greek blues from Xarhakos and Mikis Theodorakis performed by bouzouki player Lambrous Lambrou, singer Poppy Louka and guitarist Spiros Farlekas. Authentic homemade Greek food such as baklava will be available for purchase. A KULCHA community event.

**\$13 Door \$11 Presale \$8 KULCHA Members**



## Thursday 1 May, 8pm\* MARCELA FIORILLO – EL TANGO

Celebrated Argentine pianist Marcela Fiorillo offers an intimate encounter with the music of Buenos Aires, performing works by distinguished tango composers Dames, Stamponi, Gardel, Cobian, Delfino, Castillo, Mores and Piazzolla. Marcella won the Canberra Times Critics Circle Award in 2007 and has captured the attention of critics and audiences with the passion, interpretative freedom, poetic touch and creativeness of her piano playing.

**\$28 Door \$25 Presale \$25 KULCHA Members**



## Thursday 8 May, 8pm ACROSS THE TOP PRESENTS SIROCCO

Be whisked around the world on a magic carpet woven from exotic instruments. With Middle Eastern flutes, Irish drums and modern synthesisers, this outstanding act distills the best from the cultures that make up Australia to produce a unique style. Be entranced by the magic of Sirocco – at one minute the soft lyrical airs of a Celtic flute and the next a raucous dance beat on didgeridoo and Turkish drums. Presented by Musica Viva's Across the Top Tours.

**\$17 Door \$15 Presale \$13 KULCHA Members**



## Friday 23 May, 8pm SHAM – CD LAUNCH

Local folk Celtic fusion outfit Sham launch *History*, their third independent release. The album is a collection of live recordings captured at performances across the globe over the past 10 years. Expect improvisations on traditional tunes from Eastern Europe and the Celtic nations together with some classic Australian bush songs and striking original compositions on flute, trumpet, bouzouki, bass guitar and drums. Join Sham for a energetic night to celebrate their 'History'.

**\$15 Door \$13 Presale \$10 KULCHA Members**



## Friday 2 May, 8pm\* BOHEMIAN NIGHTS – VASEK FUNDRAISER

Distinguished violinist Ernie Gruner and accordionist/singer Phil Carroll present a night of traditional klezmer and Middle Eastern music to raise funds for the Vasek Young String Players' Foundation, supporting talented young string players in WA. With mandolin, ney and duduk, the duo will perform soulful and wild songs and tunes from gypsy, klezmer, Middle Eastern, French, Italian and Russian traditions with jazz and tango flavours.

**\$30 Door \$28 Presale \$26 KULCHA Members \$15 Under 18s**



## Saturday 10 May, 8pm MAKARA GIRLS

*Makara* describes the meaning of life through rhythm and movement and portrays the Mozambique way of life and its rich, vibrant culture – an inspiration of happiness and joy. Join Mozambican dancer, singer, choreographer and multi-instrumentalist Alice Langa, her sister Ofelia and professional dancer and singer Abiba Faustino de Figueiredo as they bring laughter, love and a piece of Mozambique to KULCHA with this spirited new outfit.

**\$13 Door \$11 Presale \$8 KULCHA Members**



## Saturday 24 May, 8pm FRENCH SPECTACULAR

Francophiles unite! Join popular trio French Connexion, Indie songstress Natasha Bouchard and traditional dance troupe Souleiado French Dance Group for an evening of all things French and fun! French Connexion performs traditional *chanson*, along with popular and original French songs. Quebec-born singer songwriter Natasha Bouchard will captivate with songs from her upcoming album and Laurel de Vietri will lead Souleiado French Dance Group through the joyous dances of central France.

**\$20 Door \$18 Presale \$16 KULCHA Members**



## Saturday 3 May, 8pm NGEWELL KORA

Led by internationally-acclaimed Senegalese master percussionist Ziggy Diagne, the Ngewell Kora Group celebrates traditional and contemporary West African rhythms. Fresh from a standout performance at the Nannup Music Festival, the group is joined by flautist Nina Henschel and dancer Danielle Pender. Come and groove to the emotively beautiful sounds of the kora, combined with marimba, percussion, wind and bass.

**\$15 Door \$13 Presale \$10 KULCHA Members**



## Friday 16 May, 8pm ZIGATANGO – CD LAUNCH

Zigatango was formed in early 2006 by a group of young musicians keen to explore the styles of Argentinean tango and traditional gypsy music. The 2007 WAMI Award-nominated four-piece outfit launch their self-titled debut album at KULCHA – a mix of traditional bohemian styles and folk with fiery and youthful flair. Zigatango showcase diverse skills on accordion, violin, guitar and viola. Supported by Karl Griffiths and a *cappella* group Just in Time.

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## Thursday 29 May, 8pm TOTALLY GOURDGEOUS

Totally Gourdgeous is a bizarre group that plays handmade gourd instruments. The band includes Penelope Swales on gourd-guitar, Carl Pannuzzo on gourd-percussion, Mal Webb on gourd-bass and Andrew Clermont on gourd-fiddle and gourd-mandolin. Imagine Joni Mitchell and James Brown getting down in Bob Marley's pumpkin patch and you're close to their playful songs of love, fellowship and environmental sanity.

**\$17 Door \$15 Presale \$13 KULCHA Members**