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## April 2002

### Toxteth Specials

Glebe's popular Toxteth Hotel is turning into a foodies' paradise. Weeknights at the Toxteth offer the following bargains: on Mondays, buy one \$12 pizza, get one free; Tuesdays: pasta special for \$6; Wednesdays traditional roast dinners for \$12; Thursdays glass of red wine with every steak; Fridays cocktails 5-7pm are two for \$10. 345 Glebe Point Rd, Glebe. Bookings 02 9660 2370.

### Cafe Pacifico

Mondays - half price Fajitas from 6-8pm; Tuesdays - half price Tacos from 6-8pm; From 6pm try their new Mexican Tapas menu (Botanas). 95 Riley St (off Stanley), East Sydney. Ph 02 9360 3811.

### Spartacus

Spartacus by The Australian Ballet performs at the Sydney Opera House Opera Theatre, Circular Quay on Tues 9 until Mon 29 April. For bookings phone 02 9250 7777.

## Soulmates

Written by David Williamson, Soulmates is directed by Gale Edwards starring Jonathon Biggins and Jacki Weaver - and takes a swipe at literary hype - authors and those who worship them. For more info see <http://www.sydneytheatre.com.au/>

## Ancient Briton Hotel

Cocktail Happy Hours feature 2 for 1 cocktails on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 8-11pm. Open all day for \$1 pool. Also general Happy Hours from 5.30-8.30pm with free internet usage. Cnr Bridge & Glebe Point Rd, Glebe - ph 9660 1417.

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## March 2002

### Italian Wine & Food Festival

Saturday & Sunday, 16-17 March, noon-7pm at Dockside Function Centre, Cockle Bay Wharf, with a masterclass for winelovers on Wednesday, March 20 from 6.30-9pm. Tickets \$25 at the door or or go to <http://www.boutiquewines.com.au/>

### Gourmet Safaris

Fancy a 3-day food and wine weekend in Mudgee from 15-17 March (all-inclusive \$625)? Or later on this year, how about a Tropical North Queensland

yumfest from 22-29 June? For more info, call 02 9960 5675, or email [maeveomeara@ozemail.com.au](mailto:maeveomeara@ozemail.com.au) ... or ... see <http://www.gourmetsafaris.com.au/>

## Culinary Travel

Coinciding with the World Gourmet Summit, you can join Christine Mansfield, author of "Spice" and "Stir", on a Gourmet Tour of Singapore from 8-15 April 2002, featuring masterclasses with Marcus Samuelsson (Aquavit in New York) and Michael Ginor (USA generally) and much more. Places are limited to 12 and the cost is \$6599 per person twin share (conditions apply). Call Cheryl Evans at Singapore Airlines Holidays ASAP on 02 9352 3327.

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 Moonlight  
Cinema

23 November 2001 - 23 February 2002, Centennial Park

## February 2002

### Valentine's Day Dining

Our current Cafe of the Month - Slice in Paddington's Fiveways - is having a special Valentine's Day menu "with the usual oysters, baked figs, duck confit, tarte tatin for two and other treaties," says owner-chef Annie Di Natale.

Still spaces available - ph 02 9331 2308, 248 Glenmore Rd, Paddington.

For those who like to splash out on such an occasion, Tetsuya's in the city is hosting a degustation menu for \$300 per person (including beverages) under the theme "share the happiness, share the table" where everyone will be seated on tables for six. So if you're popping the question,

expect an audience! Ph 02 9267 2900.

**Aria Restaurant**, last month's Restaurant of the Month on this website, is asking \$150 per person for an a la carte menu including champagne on arrival and a box of hand-made petit fours on each table. To enjoy their awesome view of the Opera House, ph 02 9252 2555 Bathers' Pavilion? Chef Serge Dansereau will dazzle with a \$175 (excluding wine) degustation menu in their beautiful Balmoral Beach abode. Ph 02 9969 5050.

**MG Garage** in Surry Hills will stick to its regular menu, though chef Janni Kyritsis may toss in some surprises for the romantics. Ph 02 9383 9383.

## Good Living Growers' Market

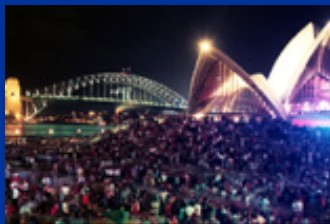
Enjoy Barrington beef, stone fruit from Windy Hill Orchards, Blue Mountains mushrooms, Southern Highlands potatoes, Little Hartley herbal tea and blackberries from Napoleon Reef. A free shuttlebus operates from the Darling Island carpark on Darling Island Rd. Every Saturday from 7am-11am at Pymont Point Park, Pirrama Rd, Pymont.

## StRange Futures

Eleven Sydney artists present alternate realities via painting, animation, DVD, sculpture and performance. Until March 3, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, 10am-4pm, free. 1 Casula Rd, Casula, ph 9824 1121.

## Museum of Contemporary Art

Always worth a visit, and with most exhibitions being free, the Museum of Contemporary Art is a shining beacon of arty-fartiness at its genuine best. They even have a bloody good cafe there! There's always very cool shows on such as the current Neo Tokyo exhibition. Open seven days, 10am-5pm, ph 02 9241 5876 or visit <http://www.mca.com.au/>



## Sydney Mardi Gras

Here we gay again! From Feb 8 ...  
<http://www.mardigras.com.au/>



**January 2002**

## **Flickerfest Short Film Festival**

From 4-12 January at Bondi Pavilion, Bondi Beach. For 24 hour info call (02) 9338 9644 - for bookings call (02) 9365 6888, or click on their website: <http://www.flickerfest.com.au/>

## **Sydney Festival 2002**

During the last 26 years, Sydney Festival has grown to become the largest annual cultural event in Australia with an estimated audience of more than 2.5 million. January 5-26. <http://www.sydneyfestival.com.au/>

## **Flying Chooks Cooking School**

Discover the culinary secrets of Serge Dansereau of Bathers' Pavilion on 7-8 Jan and Mark Best from Marque on 25-26 Jan at the Hunter Resort Country Estate. They promise two days in "an intimate environment of absolute talent". Contact Holly Jarvis on 0411 809 060 or email: [cooking@hunterresort.com.au](mailto:cooking@hunterresort.com.au) <http://www.hunterresort.com.au/>

[www.sydneypubguide.com](http://www.sydneypubguide.com)

# Sydney Fringe Festival

The Sydney Fringe Festival is an affordable and accessible multi-arts festival incorporating performance, dance, music, visual art, writing, free outdoor events, workshops, sports and children. 18 Jan-3 Feb.  
<http://www.sydneyfringefestival.com.au/>

## Summer Dreaming Festival

At Glenworth Valley, January 18-20.

## Vibes on a Summer's Day

Featuring Jamiroquai. January 27.

... for more details on January events, click on:  
<http://sydney.citysearch.com.au/>



.... PREVIOUS WHAT'S ON - 2001

Festival of the Olive

**Sat-Sun 10 & 11 November**  
**10am - 5pm**  
**Elizabeth Farm**  
**70 Alice St**  
**Rose Hill**  
**Details: ph (02) 9635 9488**  
**[hht.nsw.gov.au](http://hht.nsw.gov.au)**

## **Organic Food & Farmers Markets**

**Every Saturday Morning**  
**Orange Grove School**  
**Cnr Perry St & Balmain Rd**  
**Leichhardt**  
**Every Sunday Morning**  
**Parkway Hotel**  
**Frenchs Forest Rd East**  
**Frenchs Forest**  
**Ph (02) 9999 2227**  
**<http://www.ezbooks.com.au/>**

## **Boutique Wine Appreciation School**

**Intro To Wine**  
**Mondays 5, 12, 19 & 26 November**  
**\$200**  
**Details & Bookings: (02) 9518 6937**  
**[www.boutiquewines.com.au](http://www.boutiquewines.com.au)**

# IMAX

**October 2001**

**October was Good Food Month in Sydney**

**Cheese Awards**

**Sunday 7 October**

**At the harbourkitchen&bar.**

**Contact Tanya Cropley on (02) 9256 1430.**

**Natural World Expo**

**19 - 21 October**

**A fantastic new natural health expo which promises, at its inaugural event, to showcase the best speakers on health and environmental issues.**

**<http://www.naturalworld.com.au/>**

**Good Living NSW Wine Festival**

**20 - 21 October**

**Ph (02) 9518 6937.**

**<http://www.boutiquewines.com.au/>**

**Opera in the Vineyards**

**20 October**

Wyndham Estate Hunter Valley

Bookings: (02) 9266 4846

## Vittoria Coffee Connoisseur's Guide to Coffee

24 October

Visit Vittoria's Coffee College for special subculture sessions. Ph (02) 9879 7315 or email [college@vittoriacoffee.com](mailto:college@vittoriacoffee.com)



September 2001

## Mudgee Wine Celebration

1 - 23 September

Mudgee is a fantastic winemaking region and this is its penultimate event.

For all details, visit <http://www.mudgeewine.com.au/>

## Manta Ray Re-opens

14 September

After undergoing a stylish refit, this slightly Asian-influenced seafood spot is back at

7 The Wharf, Woolloomooloo, ph: (02) 9332 3822.

## Floriade in Canberra

**15 September - 14 October**

**This gorgeous, romantic springtime festival is a natural delight not to be missed as Canberra's horticulturalists turn this city into a bloomin' spectacular event. For "Floriade in a Day" opportunities contact Countrylink Holidays on 13 28 29.**

### **Food at Sea Festival**

**29 September - 25 October**

**Starting with the Age of Sail Dinner, this is a great foodie month at the National Maritime Museum in Darling Harbour.**

**Bookings: (02) 9298 3644.**

### **The Vagina Monologues**

**6 - 23 September**

**A celebrated slice of feminist theatre starring some brilliant female celebrities.**

**Valhalla Theatre**

**Bookings: (02) 9266 4800**



**August 2001**

**Ulladulla's Seaside Festival**



**Ulladulla's Festival of Food & Wine by the Sea  
has grown into a great little regional show.**

**August 17 - 19**

**For more info: ph (02) 4455 1269**

### **Fine Wine & Food!**

**Join Iain Riggs of Brokenwood Wines  
and Alistair Butt of Seville Estate  
as they present each vineyard's finest selection.**

**A five-course menu by Menzies Hotel's  
Executive Chef John Ross has been designed  
to complement the wines.**

**Friday August 17, 12-3pm**

**\$99.50 per person inc. GST**

**Ph Nicole Gunter on (02) 8235 1732**

### **Boutique Wine Appreciation Courses**

**Masterclasses on the Wines of Italy, Cabernet,  
Barossa and Introductory classes are now**

being run by tutors Stephen Knight and Sharon Wild.

Details and bookings: (02) 9518 6937

[www.boutiquewines.com.au](http://www.boutiquewines.com.au)

## **Sydney Seafood School**



**Thurs, Aug 2: Pasta Making**

**Sat, Aug 4: Stefano de Pieri**

**Sat, Aug 11: Sushi and Sashimi workshop**

**Wed, Aug 15: Laksa**

**Bookings essential, call (02) 9552 2180**

## **Fine Food Australia**

**27 - 30 August**

**Over 600 exhibitors.**

**Trade only.**

**Ph (03) 9270 9850**

[www.finefoodaustralia.com.au](http://www.finefoodaustralia.com.au)

**July 2001**

**The Rocks Aroma Coffee Festival**

10am-5pm

Sunday 8 July 2001

The Rocks, Sydney, NSW

**Australian Specialist Cheesemakers' Show**

11am-5pm

Sunday 15 July 2001

Sheraton Towers Southbank

1 Southgate Ave

Southbank

Melbourne

\$17.50 per person

<mailto:anniefoord@bigpond.com>



**June 2001**

**Sydney Film Festival**

8-22 June, 2001

State Theatre & Dendy Opera Quays

[www.sydneyfilmfestival.org](http://www.sydneyfilmfestival.org)

**Mary Place Gallery**

**Barbara McKay - paintings.  
13-24 June, 2001  
Drinks: 6.30-8.30pm Tues 12 June  
12 Mary Place  
Paddington  
Ph: 0417 273 801**

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