



SYDNEY HELLENIC DANCE COMPANY "ROCKS" ROCKDALE!

Traditional Macedonian, Thessalian, Cretan, Peloponnesian, Cyprian, Epirotan and Thracian music as well as modern Greek sounds filled Red Rose Reception lounge at Rockdale at the Dinner Dance organised last Saturday 26 July 2008.

It was a night filled with non-stop traditional and modern Hellenic music which took the filled-to-capacity audience, on a music journey around Greece's eternal music, from Macedonia region in the north to Crete island in the south.

The Sydney Hellenic Dance Company has been operating now for 23 years under the guidance of two young and inspiring Greek dance instructors, Ms Georgia Gourou and Ms Giannoula (Jenny) Zagas. Main classes are held at Earlwood, Marrickville and Kogarah Bay and young children from 4 years old right through to senior children practise their footsteps weekly in traditional and modern Hellenic sounds entertaining audiences and maintaining the Greek tradition in Australia.

Ms Gourou and Ms Zagas in their speech during the evening thanked everyone, parents, grandparents and guests who were present at the Dinner Dance for their support of their Greek Dancing School and in particular thanked mother of five, Ms Anna Sidiropoulou, who was the backbone of the organisation of this mega event.

In fact Ms Sidiropoulou's four teenage children out of five, that is, George, Dionisios, Dimitris and Irene are all great dancers of this dancing school.

After the presentation of all the schools' performances in the first half of the evening, parents and guests exercised their dancing skills on the

dance floor during the remainder of the time and the "glendi" and "kefi" was irreversible.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Dimitrios Kametopoulos who congratulated both instructors, Ms Gourou and Ms Zagas and said that these young instructors and their students, the young Greek-Australian youth are an example of youth embracing and propagating Hellenic culture and its traditions to the rest of the community, both non-Greek and Greek. DJ for the night was the well known George Zagas.

Already, there are many thoughts of a splendid celebration of the 25 years of existence of the Sydney Hellenic Dance Company in 2010 and it will remain a secret until then!

Dimitrios KAMETOPOULOS

