



Celebrity Chef Cat Cora partners with Disney to open Mediterranean restaurant along boardwalk

Disney World has a new cat in town. Celebrity chef Cat Cora is partnering with the Orlando area theme park to open a new Mediterranean-style restaurant.

Kouzzina, to be owned and operated by Disney, is scheduled to open by fall 2009 on Disney's BoardWalk in the space currently occupied by Spoodles. Cora, who is the only female Iron Chef on Food Network's hit show "Iron Chef America," grew up in a family of Greek restaurateurs.

She says the new restaurant will feature "time-honored recipes passed down from my ancestors, as well as my favorite Greek and Mediterranean dishes that my family loves."

Harmony Day

Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It is held on March 21 each year, Dr Sharman Stone, Shadow Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, said. "Harmony Day is an opportunity for all Australians to share the music, dance, foods and traditions which together make up our culturally diverse and rich Australian society. "Harmony Day is a demonstration of Australia's success in becoming a culturally diverse nation.

March 21 coincides with the United Nations Day for the Elimination of Racism and provides an opportunity to celebrate Australia's peace and harmony.

"The Australian community continues to benefit from the skills and talents of people who have come to Australia from over 200 countries since 1788. It is also time to acknowledge the strong legacy and ongoing significance of indigenous cultures.

"Not only are we one of the oldest modern democracies, Australia is also a real melting pot of people who have come from Britain, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, the Pacific and New Zealand. Each wave of new settlers has helped shape their neighbourhoods and ultimately the nation.

"We have a much envied, tolerant and free society that expects newcomers to embrace our collective values, while contributing to the richness of our diversity. This is what we celebrate on March 21, Harmony Day", Dr Stone said.

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The Meaning of Simplicity: The Poet Yannis Ritsos (1909-1990) A PRESENTATION BY DR ALFRED VINCENT

A celebration in music, readings and narrative for the centenary of one of Greece's greatest poets. Ritsos' vast output ranges from poems of solidarity against repression and wartime occupation to monologues by figures from ancient myth and "snapshots" suggesting unseen dimensions behind everyday experience.

I hide behind simple things, for you to find me;

and if you don't find me, you will find the objects.

You will touch those things my hand has touched,

The traces of our hands will be united. Readers: Christine Kanellakis, Anastasia Anastasiadis.

Music by: "Out of the Blue": Panagiotis Kalandranis, Petros Apostolidis, Georgia Giatis, Tom Papadimitriou, Dimitris Vouros.

Date: Sunday 22 March 2009
Time: 5.30pm - 7.15pm

Venue: Gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Rd, Glebe
Cost: \$5 Donation (includes Wine & snacks)

Contact: 02 9750 0440 Language: In English, with a few poems in Greek



Independence Day of Greece



"On the Independence Day of Greece I want to recognise and pay tribute to Australians of Greek descent for the enormous contribution that they have made in the building of modern Australia", Dr Sharman Stone, Shadow Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, said.

"The great success of today's Australia has been in large measure due to our capacity to absorb people from all parts of the world who not only become great Australians but preserve a love for their former homeland.

"Greek\Australians have embraced the values and beliefs of their Australian homeland which gives them peace, security and a livelihood.

"The people of Greece have made a special contribution to the free world, not only in their gift of democracy thousands of years ago but the way in which they have worked so hard, helping to shape Australia physically and culturally. In particular, Greek\Australians have promoted strong family values, free enterprise business values and a great commitment to community life.

"Long may Australia remain a model for the rest of the world demonstrating how freedom, tolerance of racial and religious differences and social inclusion can lead to a peaceful and secure, proud nation," said Dr Stone.

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British police to help Greece with guerrilla attacks

ATHENS (Reuters) - British police will help Greek authorities investigate a wave of violent attacks against banks and businesses, on the rise since riots shook the government in December, officials said on Tuesday.

Still reeling from the worst riots in decades following the police killing of a 15-year-old, Britain is being asked for help by a government that has seen its popularity fall sharply amid widespread criticism of the police.

"British police officials are here to help Greek police deal with the bomb attacks. A meeting is expected to take place sometime this week," said a police official who requested anonymity.

Greece last turned to Britain for help before the 2004 Athens Olympics and that led to the capture of November 17, Greece's deadliest guerrilla group, in 2002.

Government officials confirmed the cooperation with Britain but would give no further details. The British embassy in Athens declined to comment.

Greek police say they are now focussing on Revolutionary Struggle, which emerged as Greece's most militant group after the break-up of November 17. Last week, it claimed responsibility for two bomb attacks against Citibank branches in Athens. Revolutionary Struggle has staged seven bomb attacks in the last two years, including a rocket-propelled grenade attack against the U.S. embassy in Athens in 2007. It shot and seriously wounded a 21-year-old policeman in December.

The resurgence of urban guerrillas has prompted opposition parties to criticise the government, which clings to a one-seat parliamentary majority as the global economic crisis bites.

