

Carlos Santana



ORIANTHI PANAGARI

THE blonde guitarist who featured in the final video of Michael Jackson rehearsing before his death has been revealed as an Adelaide girl of Greek origin.



Michael Jackson's Greek Guitarist

Orianthi Panagaris or Orianthi (Born January 22 1985) is a female of Greek origin. Born in Adelaide, this Australian singer has made a mark of herself when she came onstage performing with Carrie Underwood.

Steve Vai, Carlos Santana, Paul Reed Smith, Eric Clapton with whom she has worked as well. She has impressed the viewers at NAMM which is a major music product trade show in the world .She has not only gone on a tour with Steve had performed with Jackson Vai but have also collaborated with him while writing songs. Not only that, she moved to let Journey". Los Angeles to work with Howard Benson who is producing her debut album.

six, started electric when she was eleven and left school at 15 to focus on writing songs and performing. She has been playing in different bands since she was 14 around Adelaide and her first support show was for when she was 15. Orianthi had the opportunity to meet and jam with when she was 18 in her hometown. He invited Orianthi to get up and jam with him at then later asked if she would join him on stage that night to jam. Orianthi signed with, and is living in and making a new record. Orianthi has played with, toured with, made a video clip for Panasonic HD, had a song on the movie, played at the and appeared in the business

he is also a known section promoting Eco-friendname among the populy acoustic guitars. She has allar guitarists namely, so appeared at the 51st annual with where she was Underwood's lead guitar player. At the Grammys, Underwood invited Orianthi to become a member of her band. As a member of Michael Jackson's band she was to replace who for almost a decade. Orianthi has recorded the album "Vio-

Remembering about the few days she worked with Jackson, She learned to play the at Orianthi was quoted saying,



"He had this wonderful aura about him, a wonderful spirit. It's been a surreal time, work-

astating what happened." The Adelaide-born musician sang We Are the World during the service, said to have been

ing with him and its been dev-

viewers in the US alone. "It was a real honour to do fans," she said. that," she said.

During the two-hour tribute at Los Angeles' Staples Centre on Wednesday, Panagaris, 24, joined Stevie Wonder, Mariah Carey and Usher.

"It was great to see everybody again, just not in these circumstances," she said. "We thought we'd be playing the show, not his memorial.'

Panagaris, who sang a solo, said she cried after Jennifer ment," she said. Hudson's rendition of Will You Be There.

"I started bawling - that's why I had the sunglasses on." She said event preparations, made within a fortnight of

Jackson's death, had been intense. She'd had only two hours' sleep before the show.

Panagaris was to play with Jackson on tour. She saw him the night before he died, at a "He was so ready to go - he

seen by more than 31 million was so excited and happy. He wanted to do it all for the

> play lead guitar after a choreographer said to audition. "Î'm just glad I can say I had Jackson.

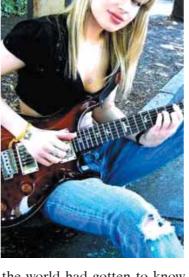
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Panagaris, told the Sunday we can do is be here to support Mail her daughter was very her. She's just a quiet person upset by Jackson' death.

"She's very sad at the mo- hard.

"It's not that she is disap- gotten so far. But she has nevpointed that she won't get to er been one to blow her own play with him, she's just so sad that he has died.

"She said he was such a wonderful person and she wishes hours a day before his death.



the world had gotten to know the same person she had come to know over the three months they had been working togeth-

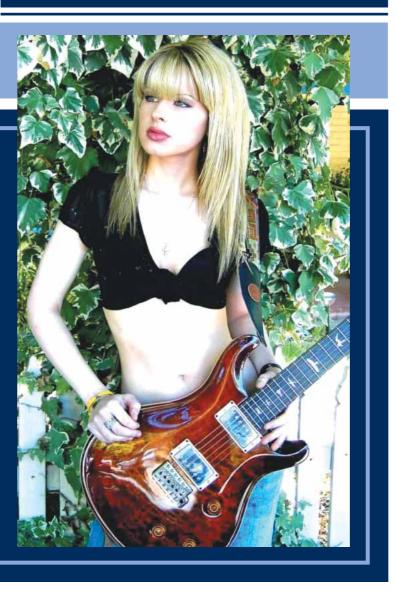
"She said it was the best experience of her life and she's just so very sad that the world didn't see what the band saw every day.

"The world has missed out." Mrs Panagaris said she flew to the US to visit Orianthi in Jackson chose Panagaris to May and the family had been planning to travel to London to watch her perform with

"She's spending time with friends and the band and she has her sister there to support Orianthi's mother, Sue her. "She's very young but all but she works so incredibly

"I think that's why she has

Jackson, 50, was said to have been rehearsing up to three

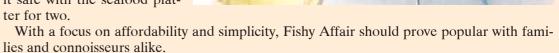


Fishy Affair

he newest culinary attraction at Kingsford's Souths Juniors is Fishy Affair Seafood Restaurant.

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Select your crunchy crustacean from the tank or play it safe with the seafood plat-



Patrons will find the restaurant comfortable and accomodating with the added option of eating outside on the club's balcony.

The restaurant can also cater for functions with up to 100 guests.

Chef of 20 years, Costa Skamnidis said the hot and cold seafood is the most popular dish on the menu. It includes freshly shucked oysters, lobster and king prawns.

Fishy Affair Seafood Restaurant is on the first floor of the South Sydney Junior Rugby League Club, 558a Anzac Parade, Kingsford. Lunch and dinner from Wednesday to Sunday.



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