

**Aristotelis Papadopoulos**

## A Greek mixologist is Diageo Bartender of the Year

A cocktail mixologist from Greece has seen off competitors from across the globe to be named Bartender of the Year 2009 in a ceremony at the Andaz Hotel, London.

Marco Pierre White hosted the "liquid Oscars", organised by drinks brand Diageo, in which Aristotelis Papadopoulos, from Thessaloniki, beat 18 rivals.

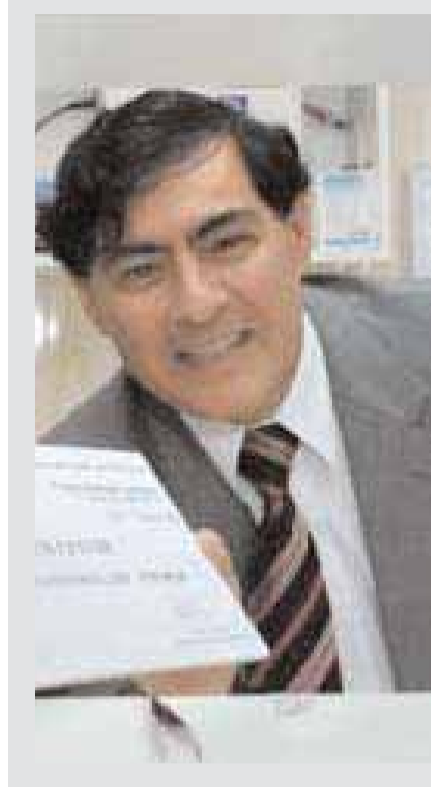
The contest took place in bars and restaurants across London including East Rooms, Fifty and Milk & Honey and also the Whole Foods supermarket in Kensington, where competitors selected fresh produce.

The year long competition saw national heats in 24 countries with 6,000 bartenders taking part. The finalists, from as far afield as Korea and the Cayman Islands, were judged on their cocktail selection, flair and how they matched food with drinks.

Judges included Gary Regan, a spirit and cocktail expert, Salvatore Calabrese, from Fifty in St James's and Dale DeGroff, widely regarded as the world's premier mixologist.

Papadopoulos, a barman for 25 years, said his favourite cocktail was his own signature drink called Discernment Blue. Made of Johnnie Walker Blue, Greek saffron, fresh mint leaves, lime juice and agave syrup, the cocktail costs 50 euros at his bar Banquet.

Diageo is developing a new range of ready-to-drink cocktails in a bottle aimed at cocktail drinkers who do not have the time or inclination to buy the necessary range of spirits and ingredients.



## Greek oncologist receives Pride of Australia award

**MELBOURNE.** - Greek-Australian oncologist George Kannourakis received the Pride of Australia Care and Compassion medal in recognition of his service to the community of Ballarat in the State of Victoria. The newspapers "Herald Sun" and "Weekly Times" have instituted the Pride of Australia award and recipients are voted by their readers. According to the Pride of Australia, he received the award because "in an area where public transport is limited, Ballarat's oncologist, Professor George Kannourakis, has returned good old fashion service to each and every one of his patients. Instead of getting cancer patients to come to him, he lightens the load by driving to his patients every fortnight." Dr Kannourakis studied medicine in Melbourne and worked as pediatrician-oncologist at the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) in Melbourne. For two years he stayed in Boston where he was involved in research at Harvard's Medical School. Since 1996 he practices medicine in Ballarat.

## Piraeus, Girt by Sea

Painted portraits of Greek-Melburnians, and prints based on poems by Tom Petsinis

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8th August - JIM PAVLIDIS  
@ Chrysalis Gallery & Studio**

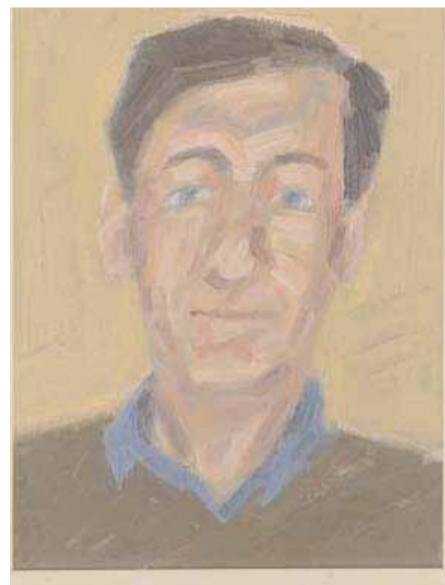
About the exhibition

Piraeus, Girt by Sea

Piraeus, Girt by Sea continues my recent theme of Greek migration to Melbourne via two distinct bodies of work: Painted portraits of Greek-Melburnians, and prints based on poems by Tom Petsinis.

The collection of poems, My Father's Tools, is both a tribute to the author's late father as well as a meditation on the journey of migrants, with each poem describing a specific tool in his father's shed.

I have chosen seven poems to work from, six as etchings and one as an artists' book. This is my first such book, and includes nine lithographs, silkscreened cover and end-papers,



and the poet's handwritten text.

– Jim Pavlidis

### Jim Pavlidis Biography

Born in Melbourne in 1964, Jim Pavlidis studied Graphic Design at Swinburne Institute of Technology, and Visual Art at VCA, Melbourne.

Since 1985, he has been a freelance artist and illustrator for a variety of clients such as The Wilderness Society, Dynamo House, 21C Magazine and Move Records. He has worked as an artist for The Age newspaper, Melbourne, for over 20 years. Between 1995 and 1997, he worked in London for The Independent and Daily Mail newspapers, and in Paris where he was art director for The Paris Free Voice weekly newspaper.

As a painter and printmaker, Pavlidis has held regular solo exhibitions since 1994, and his work has been included in numerous group and invitation exhibitions in London, Hong Kong and throughout Australia.



### PETSINIS Tom

Tom Petsinis was born in Greece and immigrated to Australia as a child. After graduating from the University of Melbourne, he taught at a number of high schools and presently teaches mathematics at Victoria University. Tom has been published in the UK, US, Italy and Germany, and his novel The French Mathematician (Penguin) was short-listed for the New South Wales Premier's Literary Award. He has recently completed a novel entitled Plato's Number. Tom has also written and directed a number of plays, including the award-winning The Drought.

## Longest Total Solar Eclipse in 21st Century

People in Asia have seen the longest total solar eclipse in the 21st century, with large areas of India and China plunged into darkness. Ancient superstitions, scientific experiments modern trade practices were uniquely combined during the solar eclipse visible by the most densely populated regions in the planet. The eclipse was first visible in west India at 06:30 (04:00 Greek time). A similar eclipse visible in India will occur after 123 years..

