



Thanasis Pylarinos @ Giorgios Cafe, Kingsgrove

Thanasi is very friendly, with a disarming smile. He belongs in the third generation (his parents were born in Australia) however he has retained his Greek culture, mainly through his grandparents. He started playing piano at the age of five. His father, Andreas Pylarinos, taught him a lot of things in music. His bouzouki teacher was Niko-lakis. At the age of about 16, he received a phone call from Arthur Sakellaris. "I want to take you", recalls Thanasi still laughing to the thought of that phone call. At the time he was working as a manager @ Hungry Jacks. That phone call changed his life...

Currently, Thanasi is working at Anesi taverna along with Sofoklis (singing, armonio), Christos (singing), Giorgos (guitar) and Georgia (singing). His favourite tv show is The Simpsons. He is Olympiacos and he likes Rabbitohs.

Thanasi is very young but at the same time very mature. He takes his work seriously. He tries hard not to repeat mistakes.

... I wouldn't like to give out more of the interview. Check out next week's Kosmos newspaper. I promised Thanasi this interview will appear in Greek, the way it was carried out.

Anna Arsenis



EMANUEL PERDIS

"Man behind the beauty masks"

When Emanuel Perdis and his brother Napoleon founded the cosmetics giant Napoleon Perdis 14 years ago Australia was in 'the recession we had to have'. The Bachelor of Business (Marketing) graduate had always aspired to work with consumer luxuries but the recession made Australia 'a tough market'. Given the similarities to today's fragile economic climate there is much to be learnt from Emmanuel's success story. Prompted by the downturn at the time, Emmanuel and Napoleon began to think about their business aspirations and passions.



His brother's love for cosmetics made the move into that industry only natural, says Emmanuel. "I love business, I love the mechanics of business, the nuts and bolts of business, and Napoleon loves cosmetics - we could marry that up quite successfully, and we did".

Emmanuel has fun with and loves everything he does, and it's

this passion that largely contributes to his success. It's nice to be remunerated well for what you do but fun is a very major motivator' he says.

He also enjoys the female dominated cosmetics industry. There's a lot more depth, a lot more soul, a lot more humanity than working with men".

Outside of his business life, Emmanuel has a wide range of interests. These include writing, Greek culture, philosophy, psychology and science.

He prides himself 'on being a bit of a renaissance man', involved in the discussion and exchange of ideas, finding it a great platform for connection with others.

Emmanuel Perdis says trust turned his family's make-up line into an international business, writes Mark Fenton-Jones in the Australian Financial Review.

"It is achievement that three Greeks accomplished to remain together for so much time. Greeks have a tendency to follow their own, independent path".

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