

Ravelength Hair and Beauty received the Australian Achiever Award in the hairdressing services

HAMMONDVILLE'S Ravelength Hair and Beauty Salon won an award in the hairdressing services category at the recent Australian Achiever Awards. The salon, which is co-owned by Mario Parissis and his daughter Katherine Petri won highly commended awards from 2005-08. Mr Parissis talks to TORIN CHEN.

How do you feel about winning an award?

It's a great thing to win, we have been participating in this for the last six years. We have always won highly commended awards, this is the first time we have won first place. It's a great thrill and it's good recognition of our customer service. We offer the best possible products. It's great to achieve that and we do everything possible to make our salon run smoothly.

How long have you been running the salon?

I have been in the Hammondville area for 28 years now. My daughter has two children, so she isn't full time. She works when she can and takes care of the hair salon and looks after the beauty side of things.



Mario Parissis pictured with staff is the owner of Hammondville's award winning business Ravelength Hair and Beauty

What does the award say about your staff?

Our salon isn't just a one person show, there are six of us who all work well as a team. Working in our salon isn't an individual thing, it's a team effort and without them it wouldn't have been possible to achieve this award.

What services do you offer at the salon?

We do all aspects of hairdressing and cater for all ages from toddlers to seniors. We have a large clientele. The beauty side of things is relatively new and we are looking for a beautician.

How long have you been working in the hairdressing industry?

I started in a small shop here in Hammondville about five shops further down from where we are now. We moved because the business was getting busier and we needed a larger salon.

Article from the Liverpool Leader



Staff at Ravelength Hair and Beauty won an Australian Achievers Award for excellence in hairdressing services. Owner Katherine Petri said the team was always striving to be better and were dedicated to great customer service. Mrs Petri started her apprenticeship with her dad at the same salon 30 years ago.

ROGUE TRADERS NAMED AND SHAMED

Acting Minister for Fair Trading, Graham West unveiled a 'rogues gallery' of 10 unscrupulous traders brought to justice by NSW Fair Trading in 2009.

Mr West said the Government was proud of the results achieved over the last year, and issued a warning that inspections, investigations and prosecutions would continue unabated in 2010.

"Let this 'rogues gallery' serve as a warning to anyone who thinks they can treat NSW consumers with contempt," Mr West said.

Among the individuals and companies successfully prosecuted by NSW Fair Trading in 2009 was:

George Harellis:

Mr Harellis received a \$18,373 fine for unlicensed, defective and potentially life threatening electrical work in Parramatta Local Court.



Joshua Tsounis - Guitars

Joshua Tsounis began his musical journey with electric guitar, composing and performing in heavy metal bands in the late 80's and early 90's. The first of which was Leviathan, formed when he was 17 years old, and was followed by Deadlock in 1991. That same year Josh was nominated for Rock Guitarist of the year by the South Australian Music Industry Awards. He has always had an interest in classical guitar and dabbled for many years while playing in rock bands.

A change of musical direction was forced upon Josh in 1993 due to an accident with a fire cracker which caused permanent ear damage. As a result, he gave up this form of music due to its extreme volume. In 1995 Josh gained entry into a Bachelor of Music Degree majoring in classical guitar under the tuition of John Della-Torre, and completed this degree in 2000. Josh has a passion for composing and performing, and during his degree studied composition under David Harris.

With a love of Greek music (mainly his Grandfather's influence), Josh has played in Greek bands such as Artemisia, and Meraki which was founded by his cousin Demeter Tsounis. Josh has also performed in various ensembles with members of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, the Adelaide Chamber Orchestra and Melbourne guitarist Geoffrey Morris. Josh is a qualified guitar teacher, providing tuition both privately and at Glenunga International High School.

Akoustic Odyssey has seen a fusion of all of Josh's musical influences, from Metal, Classical/Baroque, Spanish and Greek.

Akoustic Odyssey in Melbourne

Adelaide's own original, instrumental and eclectic seven piece band **Akoustic Odyssey**, led by Greek-Australian Jason Tsounis, will perform in Melbourne at the end of this month.

After their very successful performances at WOMADelaide, the Adelaide Fringe Festival and The National Folk Festival in Canberra

last year, Akoustic Odyssey have been busy composing, rehearsing, recording and performing a bundle of exciting new compositions that they are champing at the bit to play for audiences.

For those who don't know much about Akoustic Odyssey they describe themselves as being a group of classically trained, innovative, enthusiastic and eclectic seven-piece band that have a range of influences on our music from rock to Latin, to Mediterranean, Medieval and Greek styles.

Their upcoming gig at the Emerald Lounge in Clifton Hill will treat the crowd to a own brand of rich, intricate and diverse compositions.

Akoustic Odyssey's music has attracted national and international interest, with their highly original music receiving regular airplay on South Australian radio stations.

Their live performances and CD releases have met with high praise and critical acclaim.

Akoustic Odyssey have recently started recording their third studio album and are soon to appear in a number of music festivals throughout the country.

Akoustic Odyssey are performing on Saturday 30th of January at the Clifton Hill Hotel in the Emerald Lounge at 8pm.

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