ROMANCE, COMEDY AND CUISINE THIS WEEK ON UBI WORLD TV...WHERE YOUR HEART BELONGS

Shake off those winter blues and get cosy with our top picks this week: an exciting romantic series and a top-rating reality-cuisine and restaurant make-over show from your favourite Greek TV channels, Mega Cosmos and Alpha - exclusively on UBI World TV, the leading provider of the best channels broadcasting direct from Greece and Cyprus.

31 Streets – Mega Cosmos

Do old-fashioned fairytales happen in our modern world? This series proves it certainly does!

From Greece's number one TV channel, Mega Cosmos, comes 31 Streets, a romantic modern fairytale which follows the life of a Greek girl, Christina, who lives in New York. Her dynamic attempt to detach from her overprotective parents, the adoption of a new way of life, the sacrifices, the fun, the joy and the disappointments. With her wild and sensitive "Romeo" by her side, as well as a cast of characters that include their friends whose characters can be likened to "Dumb and dumber", the "good fairy" and the "bad witch"...all coexisting in New York's fast paced and ultra modern rhythm and lifestyle with a hint of the Greek-American folklore.

Watch the romantic and funny series 31 Streets every Saturday(13:00pm) and Sunday(13:10pm) on Mega Cosmos, exclusively on LIBI

Nightmare In the Kitchen - Alpha

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The charismatic and multi-awarded chef Ectoras Botrini continues to spice up your viewing with new sea-



son episodes of his popular show on the top-rating Alpha!

Nightmare in the Kitchen's unique concept, combined with Ectoras' outrageous presentation, has made it a runaway hit and one of the highest rating shows on Alpha. No wonder, viewers are looking forward to it each week with big...appetite!

Gastronomic experiments, delicious and sizzling comments, bitter reactions and sweet results are the ingredients of the successful TV recipe that is Nightmare in the Kitchen!

With boldness and creativity and using his culinary expertise, Ectoras Botrini is on a mission to rescue ailing restaurants which are losing customers due to unpalatable food and poor service. He doesn't mince words in the kitchen – his comments can be sarcastic, caustic and fiery but often combined with great humour and authority. As he proposes clever and effective solutions to food businesses facing serious problems, he also shares the secrets to running a successful restaurant. Indeed, with a little creativity and lot of a hard work, failing food venues can turn from bland to grand!

Watch Ectoras each week as he transforms nasty menus into ones

that would appeal to discriminating palates! Catch Nightmare in the Kitchen every Saturday at 22.00pm AEST on the channel where great Greek entertainment begins, Alpha, exclusively on UBI.

Plus, for soccer fans, there are heaps of exciting LIVE soccer matches to watch on Setanta Sports, available on UBI as an add-on channel to the Greek Service. In addition to the ongoing warm-up games for the FIFA World Cup 2010, catch the best games from the Euro 2012 Qualifiers from Europe including every England and Scotland home international plus selected games featuring Greece, Croatia, Turkey, Italy and Republic of Ireland. Also see the best of all the international friendly matches including England home games and Brazil and Argentina World Tour games on Setanta Sports, available on UBI.

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Australia plays leading role in international efforts to reduce deforestation

Australia is playing a leading role in international efforts to reduce deforestation, which causes approximately 18 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions. At the Oslo Climate and Forest Conference today, Australia joined 50 countries in agreeing a Partnership for global action to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries, commonly referred to as REDD+. Australia's Climate Change Ambassador, Louise Hand, said accelerated global action would improve the effectiveness, efficiency, transparency and coordination of initiatives to tackle deforestation - a core element of the Copenhagen Accord. Outcomes from this new international Partnership would feed into United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiations and December's Mexico conference.

"Financing for action on deforestation is already flowing", Ms Hand said. Around US\$4 billion of fast-start financing has already been committed to support efforts to reduce emissions from forests in developing countries, including a substantial contribution from Australia (the International Forest Carbon Initiative is now a \$273 million program over six years). As part of the Partnership, Australia's Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, and counterparts in France and Papua New Guinea, today released the first report which provides a global overview of efforts to address deforestation and forest degradation at the conference in Norway.

"The report, REDD+ Financing and Activities Survey, provides the most comprehensive overview available of current and planned financing and action to reduce deforestation and forest degradation, based on submissions from thirty-three countries and organisations."

"The report provides, for the first time, a consolidated picture of global efforts to build capacity, finance and implement activities to address deforestation and forest degradation. Previously, only limited analysis of international efforts could be found in a number of studies undertaken by various institutions and research bodies."

"The report is an important first step in building a shared understanding of existing and planned efforts to tackle deforestation. The information will support effective, transparent and coordinated international action. Importantly, it will also help to identify any gaps in global efforts, and highlight areas of potential future cooperation," Ms Hand said. The REDD+ Financing and Activities Survey, as well as the REDD+ Partnership agreement and individual country and organisation information sheets are available http://www.oslocfc2010.no/

For further information visit www.climate-change.gov.au

Countdown to business winners' circle

FINALISTS in the StGeorge Leader Business Awards have been selected. They will be visited in the coming weeks by a photographer and independent judges representing the awards.

Precedent Productions is organising an elaborate presentation evening for awards finalists, with live music, good food and drink.

Event tickets are available at www.thebusinessawards.com or 85775060. The event will be held on Wednesday, June 30, at Hurstville Entertainment Centre.

The celebration will recognise the contributions that business people make to communities.

The awards are made possible through the support of major sponsors Kogarah and Hurstville councils, and support sponsors, Westfield Hurstville and Sylvania

Kogarah Council provides a range of practical workshops on concerns affecting local businesses, offering everything from taxation to managing employees, environmental assessments and food-handler training.

Kogarah mayor Nick Varvaris knows that the more the council can help business owners build successful businesses, the better the local economy will become.

"In the end that means more jobs on offer and ultimately greater prosperity for our community," Cr Varvaris said. "It's all part of the council's commitment to working in partnership with our community to build a brighter future and better lifestyle."

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