

# Ashanti's symphony strikes a chord

After many years off the public radar, AFI nominated actress, and former Australian model Lenita Vangellis recently launched her first book, Ashanti's Journey, published by XLibris.

The book launch took place at Darlinghurst's Tap Gallery, with none other than Australia's King of Couture, Alex Perry opening the event to a diverse crowd which included members of the entertainment and fashion industry. Although Alex Perry attempted to dismiss himself as a one-dimensional persona interested in the superficial aesthetics of the fashion world, his words betrayed him, and it was clear he has been on a meaningful introspective journey of sorts throughout his distinguished career.

In his opening Perry noted his love and support for Lenita's journey in writing her first novel, whilst also commenting on their long and lasting friendship.

Following Perry, the author took to the stage, thanked everyone that had taken part in her life's journey and explained her own 'awakening' and the genesis of her novel.

## ASHANTI'S JOURNEY

"What if you woke up to discover that you're not who or what you think you

are?" Author Lenita Vangellis poses this question to readers as she orchestrates Ashanti's Symphony in an intriguing novel that will rivet them from beginning to end. In a world where most people define their reality by what is tangible, Ashanti, the novel's protagonist, remembers a world beyond. As the life she knows comes crashing down around her, an inter-dimensional portal opens up to reveal a realm of sacred codes, mysterious intergalactic beings, super human feats and a love that has survived eternity. Each and every step she takes is fuelled with divine purpose, touching the lives of all who cross her path, leaving them changed forever. The stage is set and the curtain is drawn to reveal a world where the lines between fiction and nonfiction are blurred, exposing the mellifluous magic that is Ashanti's Symphony.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lenita came into the world the same year that Walt Disney exited, the Sound of Music won the Oscar for best picture and the Earth's population had exceeded 3.4 billion people. Lenita is an AFI nominated actress, model, singer, songwriter, artist, author, mother, wife and energetic practitioner.

Author Lenita Vangellis and Australia's fashion king of couture, Alex Perry



# Dracakis Jewellers named 2012 Australian Small Business Champions



Peter, Nicholas and Theodore Dracakis at Dracakis boutique Mosman

Dracakis Jewellers have been named Champion Jewellery Store at the Australian Small Business Champion Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony held on Saturday 21st April at the Westin Sydney. The Australian Small Business Champion Awards is the only national program of its kind to recognise the achievements and performances of small businesses and winning is one of the highest accolades small businesses can aspire to. This year's program culminated with a memorable award presentation evening attended by national finalists, sponsors and dignitaries. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Gretel Killeen. Gretel is well known on radio and television and presented shows such as Big Brother. The Federal Minister for Small Business, The Hon. Brendan O'Connor MP and NSW Minister for Small Business, The Hon. Katrina Hodgkinson MP were also in attendance. Entertainment was provided by popular female artist from X-Factor, Sophia Conn, lead singer of the group, Three Wishez and Sophia was joined on stage for a special performance with finalists from So You Think You Can Dance.

Dracakis were proud winners of

this prestigious award in the competitive category of Jewellery Store in 2007 and are honoured to take the prize home again this year. Theodore Dracakis, manager of Dracakis boutique Mosman commented, "These awards acknowledge the overall success of small businesses, recognising everything from exceptional levels of customer service to contributions made in the local community. Along with the quality of our products it is these aspects of our business that my brothers and I pride ourselves on."

## ABOUT DRACAKIS

Dracakis have always been at the forefront of the jewellery industry. They were the first jeweller to represent Hearts on Fire diamonds in Australia and a founding member of the Diamond Guild Australia. Their many awards are a testimony to their passion for quality. Dracakis are traditional family jewellers, with two generations working together in their boutiques – Mosman and Warringah Mall. Dracakis stock the largest selection of fine diamond engagement rings on Sydney's Northern Beaches. They are renowned for their quality jewellery and friendly, personal service.