

MEDIA RELEASE

Palette Lights up Pier 2/3

A touch of rain didn't dampen the mood of the inaugural **Palette on the Pier** festivities. The October 27th fundraising event to benefit Regional Arts NSW went off in style with the lit up Sydney Harbour Bridge and Luna Park as the spectacular evening back drop.

Guests were greeted by volunteer TAFE ushers and escorted to their seats at the 80m long table, which was fit for a king. The evening was officially opened by the Minister for the Arts, The Hon. Virginia Judge MP, who spoke about the exciting redevelopment for Pier 2/3 and announced that a new night time bus service would be introduced to service theatre patrons and staff at Walsh Bay.

It was not long before the night was off and running with Sydney Band *Sixty Six's* Latin Jazz pouring out of the speakers while **Toms Waterhole** semillon poured into the glasses of guests. The Mediterranean- style degustation menu started off with a bang, with an Italian tasting plate served up from **Ventuno Pizzeria**. Raffle tickets were being sold left right and centre and the food kept coming with duck balls from **Restaurant Arras**, followed by **Firefly's** paprika calamari, which was big hit amongst the guests.

It was not long until the main attraction, the art auction, was in full swing and the bidding war had begun. Nineteen art works from all fourteen regions of NSW were displayed in the Pier 2/3 breezeway, each piece a little different to the next. The standard of art work was high with pieces from Angus Nivison, Eddy Harris and Treahna Hamm all highly sought after.

The night was young with the food and wine continuing to flow. Regional band *Fish Fry* took to the stage and amped up the mood with a bit of swinging jazz while **Ottomans** and **Simmer on the Bay** served up Tuscan Veal and Zucchini puffs that were beautifully matched by red wines from **Rosnay** and **Gardners Ground** in the Canowindra region.

The temperature rose in the Pier 2/3 breezeway as the art auction came to a close with bidders fighting to the last second to win their art work. Before too long it was time to say goodbye – but not before revealing next year's Palette on the Pier recipients, Sydney Dance Company.

The inaugural **Palette on the Pier – An Arts Table for 1000** was a partnership between Walsh Bay Precinct Association and Regional Arts NSW.

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