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Fiesta fires up the long weekend



This October long weekend **Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority** will present Australia's biggest Latin American and Spanish music and dance festival, **Darling Harbour Fiesta**

For the first time in the event's 18 year history, the program will feature two international bands – **double-Grammy award winners Aterciopelados** (A-tercio-pelados) **from Colombia** and two exclusive, special guest performances by **Venezuela's finest salsa orchestra, Bailatino** (Bay-latino).

More than **70 performances of hot, Latin-infused FREE** entertainment will play across Darling Harbour for three days and nights from 2–5 October including high-energy Latin American bands, salsa and tango experts, Brazilian Carnivale girls, sultry flamenco dancers, capoeira masters and much more!

Celebrity Dancers of Latin America will perform over the weekend including Luda Kroitor, Csaba Szirami, Fabio Robles and Ana Andre of *Dancing With The Stars* and *So You Think You Can Dance*?

Some of Australia's preeminent Latin musicians will collaborate to perform a unique Latin rock tribute – **Soul Sacrifice – A celebration of the music of Carlos Santana** and the renowned **I Like It Like That Orchestra**, will present a unique showcase from legendary Latin record label **FANIA** such as boogaloo, descarga, salsa and soul tracks from the 60s and 70s.

For a **gourmet festival experience**, head to Tumbalong Park and fill up on delicious Latin American and Spanish delicacies like paella, tapas, chorizos, empanadas, Colombian coffee, Spanish churros and Argentinean alfajore cookies.

Inca jewellery, Artesania leather goods, Andean music, South American football merchandise and other **Hispanic-inspired arts and crafts** will be offered along the Urban Stream.

Learn to salsa with the experts on the huge alfresco dance floor at Palm Grove then show off your moves at **FIESTA NIGHTS** when some of the hottest Latin music, DJs and dance will perform live on the Aquashell stage from 6.30pm to 10pm.

Launching FIESTA NIGHTS on Friday 2 October and performing for the first time in Australia is **Aterciopelados**, described by the *New York Times* as "one of the most important and most likable bands in current Latin rock".

Venezuela's musical ambassadors and one of the **biggest bands in the Latin music world, Bailatino** will perform their internationally acclaimed classic salsa at FIESTA NIGHTS on Saturday night and at 3pm on Sunday at Tumbalong Park – get set for an unforgettable salsa spectacular courtesy of these nine salsa music maestros!

Darling Harbour Fiesta is part of Crave Sydney, a major celebration of Sydney's unmatched way of life, offering 31 days of food, outdoor art and fun. Crave Sydney is one of five anchor events in the NSW Master Events Calendar created by Events NSW on behalf of the NSW Government. For more details on Darling Harbour Fiesta visit www.darlingharbour.com and to plan your Crave Sydney experience visit www.cravesydney.com

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