

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Festival showcases Victoria's best multicultural sounds, tastes and traditions**

Federation Square will come alive with multicultural music, dance, film and activities at Victoria's Multicultural Festival on Saturday 25 March 2017.

From 12pm, thousands of Victorians are expected to turn out for a celebration of culture that promises to showcase the many wonderful aspects of our multicultural community.

Proudly presented by the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC), with support from the Victorian Government, the festival is a free, family-friendly event with activities for people of all ages.

Overflowing with food stalls, a children's activity zone, roving performers, a silent diversity disco, and dance and drumming workshops, the festival will bring sounds as diverse as African funk, island reggae, oceanic cumbia, Latin dance, Caribbean beats, Sudanese gospel and Welsh harmonies to Federation Square throughout the day.

Boasting a range of high profile performers, the festival will feature performances by musicians including Mojo Juju, Public Opinion Afro Orchestra, Amaru Tribe, T-Rhythm and Tumarumba.

This year's program also includes two new events, the *VMC Film Festival*, from 5:30pm in the Deakin Edge and *Culture Waves*, a new music event featuring young, diverse sounds from 7:00 – 10:00 pm on the Main Stage.

For the full festival program visit [www.culturaldiversityweek.com.au](http://www.culturaldiversityweek.com.au).

Centred around the theme 'Our journey, Our stories', Cultural Diversity Week invites Victorians to reflect on the state's journey as a multicultural state, and to share their story of cultural heritage and identity. Find out more at [www.culturaldiversityweek.com.au](http://www.culturaldiversityweek.com.au)

Media passes are available for Victoria's Multicultural Festival, outlets are invited to contact the representatives below to obtain media access for the day.

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