

# MULTICULTURAL FAMILY FESTIVAL

## 28 May 2005

The Multicultural Family Festival by Wesley Mission in partnership with Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan was designed to bring various communities together to offer individuals and families the opportunity of experiencing various cultures through variety of traditional dance & music and cuisines from around the world.

Chinese Lion dance was much appreciated by all present in the audience as well as by the people near the stalls who could enjoy the performance even outside. The Colombian dance colored the event with its vivacious music and dances. The Kurdish dance group not only entertained the audience near the stage but also outside the stalls. The Punjabi (Indian Dance) by Bhavan Australia's affiliated Punjab Beat Bhangra Dance Group completely took the audience and the special guests who joined the dance on stage and enjoyed the true spirit of multiculturalism. The event was concluded by Belly dance which enthralled the audience.

There were also art and craft stalls selling ethnic merchandize and most women were seen with Henna tattoos on their hands which was one the best attractions of the day. Children enjoyed the jumping castle and participating in painting competition which included the prize of free tickets for the movie 'Madagascar' for the winner. There were food stalls from various cuisines of the world.



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### An Evening of Dance and Song At South Sydney Leagues Club



Viji Venkat, Tamara Elkins & Emma of Bollywood Exclusif

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Australia presented beautiful Indian dance performances at Slice TV's Fun (d) raising event – An Evening of Dance and Song at South Sydney Leagues Club, Redfern on 6 May 2005. The program was hosted by Gerry Sont of home and Away series who has over 20 years experience on stage, film and TV and has one of the most recognizable faces in the business. The audience consisting of people from diverse cultural backgrounds appreciated the Indian style of eloquent clothing and had their foot tapping at melodious three different Hindi music and dance items presented during the program. Gerry Sont also commented that Indian dances and music are highly entertaining and enjoyable.