

AUSTRALIAN HUNGARIAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL

SYDNEY 4-9 JANUARY 2017

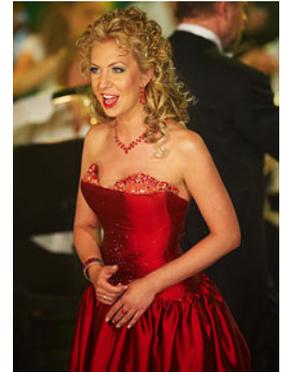
Sydney is set to be treated to a six-day festival of Hungarian music, literature, theatre, culture, history – and much more - this January.

The Hungarian Council of NSW (on behalf of the Hungarian Federation of Australia) will hold its 16th Australian Hungarian Cultural Festival from 4-9 January at venues in and around NSW University, Kensington.



With former NSW Premier The Hon Nick Greiner and Hungarian Ambassador Dr Attila Gruber as patrons, the festival features gala concerts, folk dance workshops, a folkloric music recital, lectures on history, IT, language

and literature, a comedy theatre night (at NIDA), a harbour cruise, gala patron's dinner - and more!



Among the key events are:

- Opening and closing gala concerts starring local and international artists;
- A folk dance workshop for local and interstate guests running throughout the festival;
- International singing sensation Attila Laszlo ("The Voice of Transylvania", pictured below, left) performing at the NIDA Playhouse on Thurs 5th, along with *Ditke* in support;
- *The Wayward Groom* by renowned Hungarian playwright Áron Tamási, performed by The Queensland Hungarian Theatre Players at NIDA on Sat 7th;
- Performances by opera singer Judit Molnár (above), Penny Pavlakis & the 10 Sopranos, Tamás Majer & Borbála Kálman from Hungary, András Rácz and his students, Crisztina Vasilcsin, Eszter Mikes-Liu & Erika Józsa;
- Guest presenters include Prof György Pálffy on Hungarian Nobel Prize winners; Prof Amadeo di Francesco and Dr Artur Kapantzian on the Beauty of the Hungarian Language; Dr György Hangay on the History of Hungarians in Australia, Father Pál Feri on Hungarian Literature, among many other eminent speakers.

The Organising Committee's Marta Barany BEM OAM said the festival was a beautifully varied program, catering for all age groups from the very young to the mature but 'young at heart'!



"We expect to welcome hundreds of Hungarian Australian from every Australian State to meet each other and build new friendships. And of course many who have attended earlier festivals who from far and wide to renew old friendships too.

"The festival program is rich in cultural highlights and entertainment and guarantees an enjoyable time in Sydney for all attendees," she added.

Festival patron tickets are \$200 include all the lectures, Opening and Closing Gala Concerts and Patrons/sponsors dinner (László Attila concert, Harbour Cruise, Theatre evening and Ex Servicemen luncheon are extra). Patrons are guaranteed 'the best seats in the house' plus discounted tickets for other performances.

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