



The 5th Annual Croatian Food & Wine Festival
Saturday 22nd November 2008

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MEDIA RELEASE

Best of Croatia on offer at fabulous Fešta

Sports stars, international performers, interstate DJs, and cooking demonstrations will be the headline acts at Adelaide's premier Croatian community festival – "Fešta".

"Fešta" - The Croatian Food & Wine Festival, will be held on **Saturday November 22** at the **Croatian Sports Centre** at Gepps Cross **from 11am**.

The festival will showcase the best in Croatian food, wine and entertainment, including:

- special guest appearances by political, media and sporting personalities with Croatian links, including **AFL footballers Ivan Maric from the Adelaide Crows, Steven Salopek from Port Adelaide** and **Eugene Galekovic** from A-League soccer club **Adelaide United**,
- cooking demonstrations and an on-location recording of the popular Adelaide-based TV show 'Out of the Blue' featuring 'the two Michaels' - **Michael Keelan and Michael Angelakis**,
- performances by Croatian dance groups, including **Australia's largest Croatian folkloric dance ensemble** with 120 dancers over 6 groups and a 6 piece string band, Adelaide's own - 'HFS Lenek' - celebrating it's 30th anniversary this year; and special guests from Melbourne – **Hrvatska Zora (Croatian Dawn)**; as well as **KUD Hrvatski Pleter** (Adelaide),
- **Croatian National Radio TV** filming the day for a special screening on **CMC (Croatian Music Channel)** which will be broadcast via satellite around the world!
- an **After Party** with **3 Melbourne DJs – DJ Delco, DJ Matt and DJ Wogboy** for those ready to party long into the night.

Fešta also caters for young families and children with a **Junior Colts Mini Soccer Tournament** during the day, as well as **face painting, amusement rides, side shows, hot dogs, hot chips and ice cream**. There will also be a wrestling display by **Snakepit Professional Wrestling** featuring **Croatian wrestler – 'John-E-Radic'**, and finally a **spectacular fireworks display**.

The first Inaugural '**Fešta Cup**' will be played between local soccer team **Adelaide Croatia SC 'Vukovi' (Wolves)** and visiting team **Vukovar SC (from Melbourne)**.

Entertainment Coordinator Ema Matulic says "Fešta" is the biggest event on the local Croatian social calendar.

"South Australia has an extremely strong Croatian heritage, thanks to a community of more than 10,000 people with 3,500 Croatian-born supporting a range of community endeavours such as Fešta," Ema said.

"Visitors to Festa can savour a wide array of traditional Croatian recipes and home style cooking featuring prawns, tuna, calamari, octopus, whole spit roasted pork, lamb and beef, as well as old favourites like cevapcici, sarma and pita. They'll also be able to sample some top-quality wines imported direct from Croatia's premium wine growing regions and Croatia's favourite beer - 'Karlovacko'.

There'll also be plenty of Croatian singing and dancing to enjoy - both contemporary and traditional.

We're also offering \$2 entry for adults, free entry for children and free car parking, making Fešta an affordable and enjoyable day out for everyone."

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WHAT:

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State Sports Park,
Main North Rd,
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