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Paradise Band Newsletter



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Winter has arrived

Yes, the cold weather is here and it definitely presents some challenges. Moving large amounts of gear requires extra care in keeping it out of the weather, staying dry yourself and leaving earlier to avoid delays such as the hail storm that stopped us dead in our tracks last Month. A freak hailstorm had iced up the road and at some stages forward motion was impossible.



Now Paradise Band is no stranger to inclement weather as they have travelled the width and breadth of our beautiful Australia and true to form they made the gig and put on a great performance. That's the spirit guys!

Theodore features in Bass Player magazine.

In the Bass Player May 2015 issue Theodore featured in "The Real World" article. Well done Ted!



Theodore Samartzis

Home base Sydney, Australia
Occupation National service manager in the healthcare sector
Gigs Paradise (Greek) Band, the Fabulous Rhythm & Boogie Band, supporting various artists
Basses Alembic, Sunne, Tune, Music Man, Neutec, Fender Jazz and Precision Basses, Goodfellow, and MTD
Big Guitars-Kramer 1000B with two 6.4 1/2 cabs
Effects Boss Bass Chorus, Eden and SansAmp DIs
Strings, etc. 5th string High Beams, as well as Fender and La Bella nylon
Heroes & Inspiration Paul McCartney, Stanley Clarke, Mark King, Tony Levin, John Patitucci, and many others
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How did you come to play bass?

Starting off on piano accordion at age nine, I always gravitated to a Beatles Beat copy my brother owned, and I played bass gigs whenever I could. I switched to bass guitar permanently 20 years ago because I just love the low notes, and I've never looked back.

What's a lesson you've learned along the way?

Respect everyone you work with, and learn from every situation. It pays to maintain a professional attitude, improve your reading skills, and remember that 99 percent of the time, you will be supporting the band and the singer.

What are your musical goals?

To keep evolving as a bass player, to learn more about music and life, and to play with as many different musicians as possible for as long as I can hold up a bass.

Thanks to the management and staff of Club Rivers & Helen and her staff for doing a fantastic job and making this event a resounding success resulting in a sell out show. The venue and food were excellent and Paradise along with Irene and Steve on vocals served up a delectable mix of songs ranging from finesse to funky! We all had a good time and we'll be doing it again soon.

SOLD OUT

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CLUB RIVERS

LET'S GO
GREEK



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Paradise Band featuring Mario CD

Now some of you will know that we were to start work on this CD in February, this never eventuated because of other commitments and the John Tikis 20th Anniversary Tour that took up a lot of time in preparation and performance.



We will be working on this later this year, Mario wanted to record some of his favourite Greek songs covering many decades and of course we thought this was a great idea. Mario is a supremely talented vocalist and has a great range as a performer so we will try to capture this vibe in the studio.

The list of songs has been more or less finalised and we are now in the process of trying to slot in some rehearsal time to work it all out before hitting the studio.



What's a bouzouki Mum?

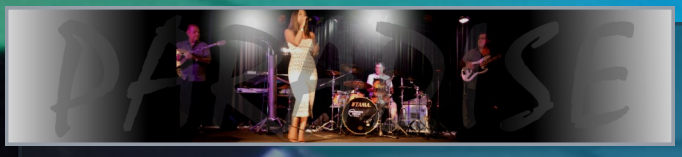
Although the bouzouki is synonymous with Greek music some folks have never seen one before, or have seen one and not known what it is. Lucky gets lots of questions about his bouzouki, here are some facts about this unique instrument:

- ⇒ The bouzouki belongs to the lute family
- ⇒ It can be thought of as an octave mandolin
- ⇒ The newer style has 8 octave/unison strings
- ⇒ The older style had 6 octave/unison strings
- ⇒ Lucky's bouzouki is over 30 years old
- ⇒ Bouzouki features in some Irish music
- ⇒ The back is rounded and completely hollow
- ⇒ It is an acoustic instrument that is amplified in modern bands



Lucky prefers to play through a B Voice bouzouki pre-amp/D.I. that is fed to his in ear monitors and the front of house system. The B Voice allows the player to adjust the EQ, effects and volume to suit the room.

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Bardwell Valley Golf Club

What a great night! The food by Chef Angelo was absolutely delicious. Irene and Bill were joined by Bill's brother and vocalist Jim, together they entertained partygoers with a selection of songs spanning several decades.

Kingsgrove RSL OPA Greek Night

Kingsgrove RSL's first Greek Night was a huge success with a great turnout and Paradise Band with Irene and Steve putting on a great show. The dancing went on till late and Kingsgrove RSL service and food was second to none.



Let's Go Greek Endaxi—Spectacular show featuring the talents of Maria Stavropoulou, Irene Vacondios, Vasilis Metaxas, Steve Flevaras and Mario Kehagias along with the Paradise Band and the Endaxi Dancers.

7th of August
@ The Juniors
558A Anzac Parade
Kingsford, NSW



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Newcastle Hellenic Community Big Fat Greek Night Newcastle get's it Greek on!

Does the Newcastle community know how to party? Yes indeed! Everyone hit the dancefloor and got their Greek on. Lots of plate smashing ensued and it was one big party. Thanks to the Newcastle Hellenic Community for putting the night on and hosting the band, we had a blast! Thanks to all our beautiful friends in Newcastle.



Canterbury Leagues Club Greek Nights

We've had great success with these over the years and they are still on every second Friday of the month throughout 2015. Many thanks to Canterbury Leagues for hosting the shows and to all our fantastic singers who have helped us make this a spectacular event, the show now features Irene and Steve and we are loving every minute of performing with them.



Next issue— Spring is in the air

Studio album update, wrap up on all the gigs. A forward look at the rest of the year and top secret projects. Next issue also kicks off our first "Player Profile" featuring the beautiful and talented Irene Vacondios.