



The Italian Riviera comes to Sydney Opera House

– Enjoy a taste of the Italian Riviera at this year’s ‘Salsedine’ Summer Playground –

Sydney – Friday, 8 January 2016. The Sydney Opera House’s Western Broadwalk and Foyers have been transformed into an Italian Riviera for this year’s Summer Playground, running until 31 January.

Inspired by the Italian word that describes the feeling of salt on your skin, the ‘Salsedine’ Summer Playground, designed and constructed by Kent Johnston of The Facility, brings a taste of Italy to Sydney – complete with fresh sea breezes, great food, cool drinks and unbeatable waterside views.

By day, young imaginations can run wild with **free Creative Play**, interactive kids entertainment and a sandpit in the Western Foyers. By night, take in the sunset while dining alfresco from Eat Drink, Western Foyers ‘Hatted’ Chef Lauren Murdoch’s special summer menu, including antipasto, traditional pizzas and the indulgent dolce e torta. Round out the experience with a glass of prosecco or a summer cocktail before taking in a show.

Salsedine will put the sizzle back into summer holidays with live performances for young and old throughout the month. There will be afternoon sessions featuring some of the best local acoustic artists and a selection of top DJs.

Jade McKellar, Sydney Opera House’s Director of Visitor Experiences said: “Sydney comes alive in summer and there’s no better place to enjoy a city ‘staycation’ than at the Opera House this January.

“Whether you’re looking to keep the kids amused or while away a sunny afternoon with a drink by the harbour, the Summer Playground has it all. It’s the perfect time of year to linger and make the most of an incredible program of shows, tours and dining options at one of Australia’s most stunning summer venues.”

‘Salsedine’ Summer Playground

Opening Hours: 9am until late, 7 days a week, until 31 January 2016

Location: Western Broadwalk and Western Foyers of the Sydney Opera House

What’s On:

- At **Free Creative Play** in the Western Foyers kids can drag, pull and swirl an unbreakable line on a massive interactive digital wall to create countless shapes and patterns. The interactive play space grows into a world of illusions as enchanting performers disappear and re-emerge as kids test the limits of the digital activation.
- There’s plenty to keep the kids amused with **Free Interactive Performances** including family favourites the **Hot Potato Band, Kiki and Pascal** and **The Jitter Bugs**, impromptu activities and a sand pit to explore.
- Enjoy afternoon sessions of acoustic acts and DJs providing the soundtrack to your summer, free throughout January.
- Indulge in **Eat Drink, Western Foyers** Head Chef, Lauren Murdoch’s Italian favourites including pizza, antipasta, Birra Moretti and bubbles while looking out over the harbour.
- Look out for on-site activations from Summer Playground partners including a special **Maserati** cocktail bringing a taste of Italy to the Western Broadwalk plus a pop-up **Chandon** bar for those who want to add a little sparkle to their summer.

For more information check out the Summer Playground [online](#). Details of the Opera House’s full summer line-up can be found [here](#).

Images are available to download [here](#).



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