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FEDERATION SQUARE HOSTS A WORLD PARTY THIS NEW YEARS EVE

The City is set to once again host a New Years Eve celebration with a range of activities taking place along the Yarra River from Swan Street Bridge to Waterfront City, Docklands.

Right in the heart of the City, Federation Square will host a **World Party** with a jam packed program of live entertainment running from 8pm to 1.15am.

From 8pm, families will enjoy the family show **Ticklish Allsorts** on the main stage, before settling down to watch the 9.15pm fireworks.

As the night kicks on, party-goers will be entertained by Melbourne funk outfit, the **Josh Owen Band**, followed by Bollywood Beats by Gowri Dances of India and a mass audience **Bollywood dance workshop** at 10.25pm.

At 11.30pm headlining funk and reggae band **Bomba** will take to the stage to bring in the Midnight Fireworks Spectacular and will wrap up a fantastic night when they return to the stage until 1am.

Public transport will be free from 3pm on New Year's Eve and will run all night.

Getting to Federation Square on Public Transport is simple. Catch a train to Flinders Street Station, or any tram route into the City.

The City skyline will burst into a rainbow of colour and sound with a special family fireworks display at 9.15pm. Best viewing areas for the 9.15pm fireworks are Alexandra Gardens, Birrarung Marr, NewQuay & Waterfront City Docklands. The midnight fireworks spectacular can be seen at any one of the six entertainment venues.

On the night, the best way to travel into the City will be by public transport.

New Year's Eve 2006 is proudly presented by the City of Melbourne and is an **alcohol free event**.

For the latest New Year's Eve in the city information visit www.thatsmelbourne.com.au or call (03) 9658 9658.

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