

# SIDETRACK

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## Media Release

Sidetrack Performance Group and Greek Festival of Sydney present

### **IT'S A MOTHER!**

7 March – 9 April 2005 @ Sidetrack Studio Theatre

**It's a Mother...** "When I meet a woman who can make a better galaktoboureko than my mother. I'll marry her."

Directed and designed by Don Mamouny  
Starring Alex Bias, Elena Carapetis and Phaedra Nicolaidis

For **It's A Mother!** Sidetrack Director Don Mamouny has assembled an impressive team of writers to explore the funny side of the mother-son relationship in Greek Australian life. They include Bill Kokkaris (with whom Mamouny co-wrote the hilarious and highly successful *Parthenon Air*,) Lina Kastoumis (whose comedy *Fat Sex* premiered at the last Carnivale festival and who is now writing comedy for TV) Costas Pinakis and Evdokia Katahanas (co-wrote the hit of last years Greek Festival *The Taming of the Strigla*.)

Mamouny says his new show is "**a night of unashamedly entertaining short, sweet, bitter and twisted comic pieces about young (and not so young) men and the love of their lives... their mother**"

The idea for the show Mamouny says came from his friend the writer Costa Pinakis, who has a theory that "all Greek boys are spoiled by their mothers and that they love to compare their partners to their mothers and more often than not find them wanting. What is also interesting is the way that a wife who has suffered under the weight of being negatively compared with her mother-in-law will so often bide her time until she can get a son of her own, so that she in turn can raise a boy who will find every female he meets inferior to his mother".

"I'm not entirely sure if this phenomenon is entirely isolated to Greeks or even if it's entirely true but it is sure as hell giving us a good excuse for a laugh and that about as much justification as I needed to turn this idea into a show." Says Mamouny

**It's A Mother!** features **Alex Bias** , (*Home and Away, The Grass Is Greener, The Uncle From Australia*) **Elena Carapetis** (*Parthenon Air*) and **Phaedra Nicolaidis** who having just graduated from Nida is looking forward to performing at Sidetrack.

#### **IT'S A MOTHER**

Venue: Sidetrack Studio Theatre, 142 Addison Rd, Marrickville  
Dates: 9 March – 9 April 2005 Wed – Sat 8pm  
Tickets: \$15 (Wed-Thurs) \$24 full \$15 cons. (Fri-Sat)  
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