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DINE BY DESIGN

Saunter down to Smith Street in Melbourne's Collingwood and you'll discover **Piccolina**, a delightfully retro authentic Italian gelateria.

Founder **Sandra Foti** (below) says she wanted to create a space reminiscent of 1950s southern Italy, with surroundings befitting the time-honoured family gelato recipes she serves.

Designed by Hecker Guthrie, the gelateria features an eye-catching green-tiled pozzetti (gelato storage) bench as its centrepiece, complemented by restored heritage elements – pressed-metal ceiling, terrazzo floor, stone archway, exposed brickwork and traditional Italian signage. Low-hanging pendant lights from Schoolhouse Electric line the high ceilings and a long bar overlooking an open kitchen is fringed with round stools, the perfect vantage point to watch the makers in action. piccolinagelateria.com.au



WHAT'S ON

SEE, DO, ENJOY...

1 The **Perth Festival** is back and bigger than ever. From February 9 to March 4, the program ranges from performance art to music, cultural experiences, talks and walks. The best news? Almost a third of the events are free! perthfestival.com.au

2 Immerse yourself in a world of brightly coloured, collapsible paper sculpture inspired by honeycomb at **Louise Paramor: Palace of the Republic**, an exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria until March 17. ng.vic.gov.au



3 The **Adelaide Symphony Orchestra** kicks off its 2018 season this month with two exciting extravaganzas of contemporary music: ASO does Latin with the Marmalade Man and pop with George Michael: Listen to your Heart. aso.com.au

4 Launceston's annual **Festvale** is on again, celebrating the best food and wine Tasmania has to offer. Sign up for a masterclass to gain industry insights. City Park, February 2–4. festvale.com.au

5 Could there be a more refined place for refreshments than The Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney? Until February 25, you can enjoy **High Tea at The Calyx** every Friday, Saturday and Sunday against the backdrop of Australia's largest indoor green wall and abundant flower beds. Packages from \$65. rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au

6 Enjoy fine food, wine and live music from Jet, Kate Miller-Heidke, Ben Folds, The Cat Empire or even RockWiz Live at **Melbourne Zoo Twilights**. The program runs from January 26 to March 3 and ticket prices vary per show. All proceeds go towards Zoos Victoria's Fighting Extinction conservation program. zootwilights.org.au

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