



## Paris Zachariou

Few artists can claim that Oprah personally invited them to perform on the steps of the Sydney Opera House – but for Victorian-based performer Paris Zachariou this was the reality he faced after a surprise meeting at a dinner party in December 2010.

*“This was an absolute pinch me experience where one moment I was performing songs for Oprah at a private dinner party, and the next thing I was flying on a private jet to Sydney to perform for the opening of the Oprah Show, and thousands of fans from across the world, on the forecourt of the iconic Sydney Opera House,” Paris said.*

Fortunately this musical chameleon with over 14 years of experience in the business is very familiar with tailoring his performances for audiences of all shapes and sizes, so was prepared to tackle the crowd of more than 3000 people with his personalised renditions of Cee Lo Green’s “Forget You” and Al Green’s “Let’s stay together.”

*“I really love to entertain, and I understand how important the role of music and entertainment is at any event. Much of the success of events – no matter what scale – comes down to how well the entertainer connects with the audience. This means the choices in the music played, the interaction with the audience and the insights into the crowd are critical to creating an event that is one to remember. Whether that be during dinner or on the dance floor.”*

Joining Paris on stage at the Oprah Show in Sydney was rock legend Jon Bon Jovi, but having been invited to perform alongside some of the biggest names in the business before, including Tom Jones, Ross Wilson and Tina Arena, Paris took it in his stride.

*“I really believe that no matter who you are performing for, each audience deserves as much attention and effort as the last. Performing for Oprah on two occasions was truly amazing, but I derive just as much joy from seeing a couple and their guests having a fabulous night at their wedding - a truly special a personal event indeed.”*

Paris grew up in the Western suburbs of Melbourne, where he attended weekly music lessons. By the time he got to high school, he had joined his first band and the rest, as they say, is history.

*“My family always loved music and I was always interested in performing, even from a very young age. Pursuing a career as a singer and entertainer seemed very natural for me and now I get great pleasure in helping bring together events so they are remembered for many years to come.”*

One of his first breaks came in 2004 when he met TV legend Bert Newton, and this one off performance on Bert’s *Good Morning Australia* program resulted in an invitation to perform as a regular on the show.

In recent times Paris has also performed at private functions for some of Australia’s business leaders including Lindsay Fox, at some of Australia’s celebrity weddings including that of model Tara Moss, for Lavazza Coffee “Bird Cage” at the Melbourne Cup in Flemington for the past four years, as well as a line up of corporate events across all major sectors including Mercedes Benz (Formula 1 Grand Prix and performing alongside Troy Cassar-Daly and Kate Ceberano during their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations).

With music and performing being his passions, Paris is always delighted by the overwhelming response he receives from guests and his clients including this testimonial. “Our family has used Paris on many occasions and he has always been a triumph!! He is a most outstanding entertainer and musician and certainly leaves his mark wherever he performs. Apart from my own functions, I have enjoyed hearing him at many other occasions and you could not get a better atmosphere. I’d highly recommend him as the highlight of any event.” VP – *Toorak*

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