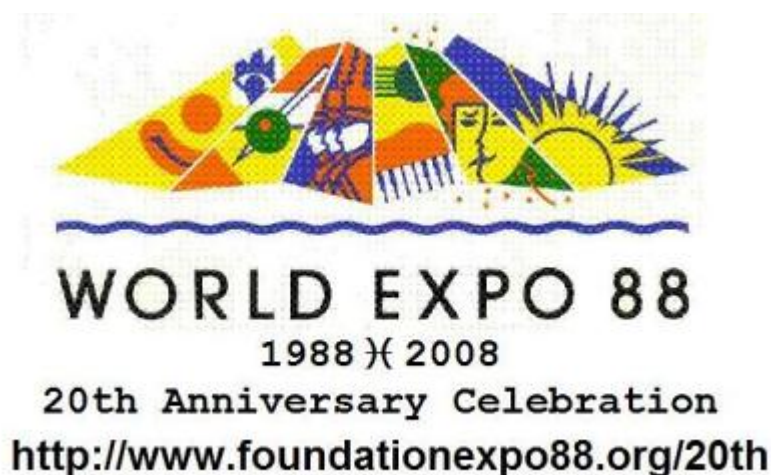


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### **World Expo '88 20th Anniversary Celebration Page Launched at Foundation Expo '88**

Foundation Expo '88 leads again with the announcement of a new page at the Foundation Expo '88 website <http://www.foundationexpo88.org>.

The new page, the central contact reference for Foundation Expo '88's program for the 20th Anniversary of World Expo '88 in 2008 - leading with a re-enactment of the Official Opening Ceremony on Wednesday 30 April 2008 - in just 621 days time - informs all those who visit the Foundation website that the excitement, intrigue, and fun of World Expo '88 shall visit Brisbane again - with a 5-day program from 10.00a.m. to 10.00p.m. - 60 magic hours where the spirit of Expo 'Together, We'll Show the World!' - once again enthuses Brisbane town.

Centering on the Nepalese Peace Pagoda at South Bank Parklands - one of the only international participant-made structures at the former Expo site - the Celebration program is three-fold:

. A World Expo '88 Staff, Sponsors & Friends of World Expo '88 Parade of Nations commencing 10:00a.m. Wednesday 30 April 2008, leading from Brisbane City Hall to South Bank Parklands - the transformed World Expo '88 site - a re-enactment of the Official Opening Ceremony. All World Expo '88 Staff, Sponsors, and Friends of World Expo '88 Invited to Take Part! Fancy dress in your Expo uniform, national costume, or in your favourite Expo Oz shirt, hat & tote bag! Catch up with your Expo Colleagues and Friends - Lead and Carry a Nation, Region, Corporation, or Group Flag/Banner! To Be followed with a '1988' Bicentennial Australia-themed Commemorative Luncheon for Staff, Sponsors, and Friends of World Expo '88, and opening of the World Expo '88 Museum.

. Food, culture, and sensations of the World - at the Nepalese Peace Pagoda 'Pagoda Place' Forecourt, Side Forecourts, and along the Clem Jones Boulevard at South Bank. Every hour from 10.00a.m. to 6.00p.m. on the hour - a representative culture, music, and dance celebration from every one of the 36 nations at Expo - with a fireworks and laser finish at 10.00p.m. every evening. Your favourite Expo Street Theatre Performers, Buskers, Magicians, Comedians, Acrobats & More - at the Pagoda Place Forecourt, and surrounding environs. A feature opera-music-dance-theatre production to also feature every evening from 6.30p.m. onwards - with an Australian and all nations variety performance show on the opening evening of Wednesday 30 April 2008 - to an ad-hoc text-in-hand production of Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night' Thursday 1 May - to the Hindu Opera-Ballet Classic the Ramayana - Friday 2 May - an All Australian Song, Dance, & Comedy Review Saturday 3 May - and two of the perennial favourites from the Expo Piazza - a first-ever Australian Body-Builders and Ball-room Dancing Spectacular - for the last evening Sunday 4 May 2008 - all at the Pagoda Place Forecourt. Free.

. The World Expo '88 Staff Re-Union Extravaganza - to be held on Saturday 3 May 2008 - a fun full day of Expo entertainment - at a secret Brisbane/Gold Coast theme park location.

Finally, the Celebration program features important steps in strengthening the important legacy of World Expo '88 - not just for the Celebration and the 20th Anniversary Year - but for all time - where the retrieval of tangible World Expo '88 popular culture heritage back to South Bank, and embracing and developing our present Expo heritage will take centre stage. Central to this will be the World Expo '88 Museum at the Nepalese Peace Pagoda Second Level; the Cultural Centre Flag Forecourt re-named 'The World Expo '88 Flag Forecourt', in front of an also re-named Visitors Information Centre 'World Expo '88 Friendship Centre', with three re-commissioned Expo '88 works - the AUSTRALIA letters from the Australia Pavilion Entrance at the forecourt left flank; the 38-metre high American work 'Paradigm' at the forecourt right-flank; and, the Cultural Centre overpass wire-frame globe, at the forecourt centre fountain; and working with the Stefan Sky Needle, as the location for a Expo sunsail-themed marquis-style '1988'-themed food and entertainment venue.

#### **Further Information**

**View** the daily countdown to the Celebration at the Foundation website at <http://www.foundationexpo88.org/>  
**Hyperlink** directly to the 20th Anniversary Celebration page at <http://www.foundationexpo88.org/20th/>  
**Register** your interest in the Celebration at the Celebration eForum - at <http://20th.forumwise.com/>  
**Ask a Question** to Celebration Director John McGregor - at [20th@foundationexpo88.org](mailto:20th@foundationexpo88.org)

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