



ITCH – WHAT'S HOT ON THE RADAR



BACARDI EXPRESS

Five bands, one train, four cities. It's all aboard the Bacardi Express, at least for a few fans and bands including La Roux (above) and Yves Klein Blue. It departs Brisbane after the bands play at The Tivoli on March 25, stopping for gigs in Coffs Harbour and Newcastle before reaching Sydney on March 27; www.bacardiexpress.com.au.



PORTSIDE MARKETS

Boutique Markets return to Hamilton's Portside Wharf today from 8am to 1pm and follow on second Sundays of the month. Expect retailers including artists, designers, stylists and craftspeople. Newcomers are psychic and medium Helen Thomas and Whizzbangle (pictured) designer Bronwen Jones. Details: boutiquemarkets.com.au



PROMISED LANDS CINEMA

Promised Lands cinema continues at GoMA's Australian Cinematheque as part of the 6th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art. Mai Masri's Asia Pacific Screen Awards 2008 Best Doco nominee *33 Days* (Lebanon) screens today at 2pm. Parvez Sharma's *A Jihad for Love* (2007) is on Saturday at 3.30pm. Free.



KOOKABURRA OZ DAY CRUISE

Celebrate Australia Day with a \$10 one-hour cruise aboard the iconic *Kookaburra River Queen* paddlewheelers on the Brisbane River. Only \$5 for kids, \$30 for a family, departing South Bank on January 26 at 11.30am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm. A two-hour evening barbecue cruise costs \$45 (adults) and departs at 6pm; 3221 1300.



SURFN'INK FEST ON GOLD COAST

Tattoo aficionados will be at the Gold Coast Convention Centre from Friday to next Sunday for SURFn'ink, an international celebration of tattoo culture, art fusion, music and fun in the sun. US portrait tattooists Mike DeVries, Nikko Hurtado and Bob Tyrrell will hold seminars. For three-day passes, phone 0431 455 928.



PLEASING YOUR VALENTINE

From unique jewellery at South Bank's Lylah to an indulgent couples massage at New Farm day spa Body Essence, it is time to think about Valentine's Day. Matt Weston Message In a Bottle necklace (above), can be found at Lylah, Little Stanley St. Phone 3846 0202. For the massage, www.bodyessencedayspa.com.au.



VALENTINO RETROSPECTIVE

GoMA will be showing the fabulous 6th Asia Pacific Triennial until April, after which it will gear up to host yet another spectacular: a retrospective of 100 garments of Valentino Garavani, which will trace the legendary Italian fashion designer's career from the 1959 opening of his Rome fashion house to today. August 7 to November 7.