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### Music and dance to light up Marion's biggest festival

Latin rhythms, Bollywood dance and a 50-piece choir are set to light up the stage when the curtain goes up on Marion's biggest festival at Warriparinga on Sunday, March 29.

*Marion Celebrates* will showcase cultural diversity with a six-hour stage show of international music and dance, a gymnastics display, 50 community stalls, free activities for kids, arts, crafts and roving performers.

The free event will also include the unveiling of a community art project, food stalls and camel rides.

Mayor Kris Hanna, who has been named a Welcome to Australia ambassador, said this year's festival would encourage families to experience the city's diverse cultures.

"*Marion Celebrates* brings together entertainment, arts, crafts and community groups to create an exciting family-friendly event," Mayor Hanna said.

"The stage show promises to be spectacular and there will be a wide range of free activities for kids.

"I invite the entire community to come and enjoy our biggest festival."

Headline act La Bomba will be making its debut at *Marion Celebrates* with a performance that has been specially choreographed to involve the audience.

Natalie Stansfield, co-founder of the group which specialises in South American music and dance, said people could expect a high-energy performance.

"We have put together an energetic and uplifting show that will appeal to people of all ages," Ms Stansfield said.

"There will be 20 dancers, including drummers, and we really want to get people moving, so you can expect us to mingle with the audience and show people some moves."

Other activities include a native animal display, pop up playground and bouncy castle.

*Marion Celebrates* will run from 11am to 5pm on Sunday, March 29 at Warriparinga, off Sturt Road, Bedford Park. Entry and car parking is free. More information is on the City of Marion website [marion.sa.gov.au/marion-celebrates](http://marion.sa.gov.au/marion-celebrates)

Marion Celebrates is a biennial festival which attracted more than 7000 people in 2013 when it won the Governor's Multicultural Award for Arts and Culture.

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