

Christine Anu

The singer and actress returns to the vibrant western Sydney suburb of Parramatta for a season at Riverside Theatres

PARRAMATTA HAS GROWN up into a vibrant cultural hub in the last 10 years. Every time I visit, there are exciting new restaurants, festivals and outdoor spaces – the city is constantly evolving.

What I love about Parramatta is that there is always a new festival representing a different element of the city. Before you go, check out the council's Discover Parramatta page (discoverparramatta.com) to see what's happening – you'll find everything from Asian arts festival Parramasala to the Parramatta Lanes food and drink festival which lights up the laneways.

For a night out I would head down to **CHURCH STREET** and grab some delicious food at one of the many restaurants like El-Phoenician or Courtney's Brasserie. Then I would check out what's happening at **RIVERSIDE THEATRES**.

For a daytrip nearby, fans of Indian food shouldn't miss a trip to **HARRIS PARK**, where you can pick up some of the best in Sydney.

This May I will be performing in Alana Valentine's *Parramatta Girls*, a play based on the harrowing true stories of former inmates at the notorious Parramatta Girls Home. The rehearsals for this have been quite



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draining mentally and emotionally, so I like to spend some time out relaxing by the river when I can.

When I first performed at **RIVERSIDE THEATRES** in 2009, I had no idea just how much they had on offer – more than 600 shows a year including

theatre, a cinema café, kids' activities and a comedy club. Riverside is a real cultural beacon in the geographic heart of Sydney that is all too often forgotten as an alternative to Sydney venues. *

Christine Anu performs in Parramatta Girls from 1–7 May. Visit riversideparramatta.com.au for tickets

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