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Festitalia to serve up a slice of Italy at the Brisbane Showgrounds

Thousands of people will get a taste of Italy this Sunday, as Festitalia transforms the Brisbane Showgrounds into a bustling Italian piazza for a day of food, culture and entertainment.

The popular Italian festival will take over Alexandria Park and Expo Place, with a packed program featuring Italian food, live music, family entertainment and hands-on cultural experiences.

There will be plenty to eat, with visitors able to enjoy handmade pasta, woodfired pizza, gelato, espresso, Italian wines and more than 10,000 freshly made cannoli.

This year's festival will also serve up something new, with Ancient Roman cooking demonstrations and mozzarella-making experiences giving visitors a hands-on taste of Italian culinary traditions.

Crowds can also expect a high-energy return from world-renowned pizza acrobat Youssef Ben Touati, who will put his skills to the test with spectacular pizza-spinning performances.

Beyond the food, visitors can experience Italian games, historical displays, fencing demonstrations, vintage Italian vehicles and a spaghetti eating competition.

Brisbane Showgrounds General Manager of Venue Sales and Marketing Jago Coyle said it was the second time the festival had taken over the Showgrounds.

"We're looking forward to welcoming Festitalia back to our venue this Sunday for a vibrant Italian-style celebration," he said.

"We're proud to host major community and cultural celebrations in the heart of Brisbane, and it's fantastic to see the precinct come alive with food, music and entertainment."

Festitalia will take place from 10.30am, with tickets available [online](#).

The Brisbane Showgrounds precinct is located 1.5km from Brisbane's CBD and is Queensland's largest indoor/outdoor events site. Visit www.brisbaneshowgrounds.com.au

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