

MEDIA RELEASE

UNIFIED GECKO 'ZOMMA' EP RELEASE

Melbourne masters of Middle Eastern boogie, Unified Gecko, launch their new single – the sexy 9 beat reggae 'Zomma'....

Sunday 27th November @ The Hi Fi Bar & Ballroom

125 Swanston St, Melbourne (opposite Melbourne Town Hall)

Doors open 7.30pm

Tix: Door \$12/ Presale \$10 + bf visit www.thehifi.com.au or www.underbellydance.com or ph 9419 6620.

Fresh back from **Istanbul**, Turkish musician **Murat Yucel** and his band **Unified Gecko** are set to release the long anticipated single 'Zomma' at Melbourne's **HiFi Bar & Ballroom** on **Sunday November 27th 2005**. The unique 9 beat reggae sound co written by **Yucel** and **award winning songwriter Nicky Bomba**, will be unearthed in this one off awesome show, where hotted up traditional Turkish tunes collide with reggae vibes and rootsy gypsy rhythms...where the mystique of ancient Arabia is captured by the extraordinary **Underbelly Dancers**, and some rarely seen **traditional Turkish musicians**...

Led by Turkish born singer/ songwriter/guitarist **Murat Yucel**, Unified Gecko features an impressive lineup of talent from Melbourne's world, jazz, reggae and hip hop scenes. With the irrepressible master of groove **Nicky Bomba** on drums, funky phat basslines by **Alex Savage (Fizard)**, **Natalia Mann** on electro harp, a growling horn section (**Alisha Brooks**, **Labjacd's Tristan Ludowyk**, **Morph's Dan Richardson**) and **Anita Larkin** on darabuka, the group is well known for its energetic and soulful blend of gypsy, reggae, jazz, funk and dancehall...and for the positively intoxicating performances of belly dancer, **Tanleea**.

Unified Gecko released their first album **Gecko Kebab** in 2003, and shortly after won the **Melbourne Fringe Festival Best Music Act Award 2003**. In their most recent exploits they returned to their musical roots in **Turkey**, performing to capacity audiences all over **Istanbul** and down the **south west Mediterranean coast**. The tour was funded by the **Australia Council for the Arts**.

Supporting the Geckos on the November 27th, will be local purveyors of ancient dance and contemporary beats, the **Underbelly Dancers** accompanied by percussion trio **Fingers of Fury**. A hypnotic performance by some rarely seen **traditional Turkish musicians** will set the scene...

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