

Awards will help our local musos

TWO of the Hills' much-loved entertainers Ziggy Zapata and Milko Foucalt-Larche came up trumps at this year's Mo awards.

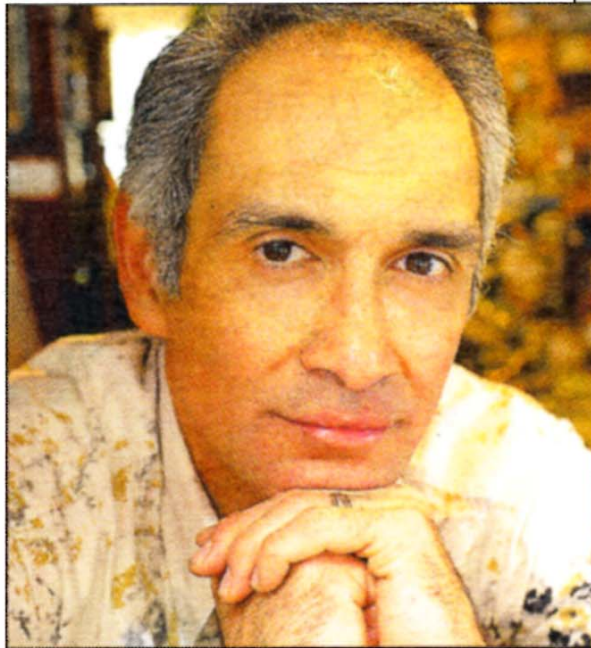
Zapata, of Dural, received a Mo in the category of One-Man Performer Band, while Foucalt-Larche, of Winston Hills, got his award in

the newest category for the best international theme performer at the ceremony at Bankstown Sports Club on June 15.

Both were very happy with their wins and were grateful that their peers would honour them as two of the best entertainers in the business.

It was Zapata's second Mo award and he said it could not have come at a better time. "This year, with the economic climate as it is, it has been a lot quieter on the gig side of things. But I am fortunate I have my skills in IT and as a commercial pilot to fall back on," he said.

In 2007, Zapata won his first Mo award in the same category, and last year he was nominated for an Australian Club Entertainment Award in the category of solo guitar/vocalist.



Ziggy Zapata, (right) and Milko Foucalt-Larche received Mo awards.

For Foucalt-Larche, winning the award has left him feeling very overwhelmed, especially as his show *Aznavour From Today* has been such a big part of his life in the past six years.

Aznavour From Today is the only show of its kind in Australia.

In late August, for the second year in a row, and supported by Woolworths, Foucalt-Larche will produce the Bandaged Bear charity event at Castle Hill RSL.

All proceeds will go to The Children's Hospital at Westmead.