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CORINBANK 2012: EXPERIENCE THE EXCITEMENT, DISCOVER THE NEW

ARIA nominee Josh Pyke headlining Corinbank in 2012 alongside Bonjah, Busby Marou and The Bamboos and amazing local, interstate and international artists on the rise!

“A line up that delivers some of Australia’s best talent” ABC Radio

Corinbank music and arts festival announced its 2012 program at the Corinbank Garden Party on Saturday evening, attended by 700 happy party-goers.

In 2012 Corinbank will explode with a program to excite and explore. Continuing on its musical mission, the festival is taking some of the best artists the nation's capital (and surrounds) has to offer and showcasing them alongside carefully selected interstate acts (and even the odd international act). The festival’s renowned visual and performing arts programs will be bigger than ever in 2012, further strengthening Corinbank’s identity as much more than just a music festival.

MUSIC LINE UP

Josh Pyke * Bonjah * Busby Marou * Skipping Girl Vinegar * The Bamboos * The Barons of Tang * The Crooked Fiddle Band * Ganga Giri * Jen Cloher * Sietta * The Little Stevies * Thundamentals * Tinpan Orange* Beth n Ben * Fred Smith Band * Fun Machine * The Beez (GER) * Lucie Thorne * Cilla Jane * Caity Sarah * Julia & the Deep Sea Sirens * The Pigs* The Ellis Collective * The Fuelers * Alice Cottee * Big Score * Hashemoto * Jack Carty * James Fahy & His Trio * Matt Dent * One Foot in the Gravy * Pocket Fox * Rafe and the Well Dressed * Sidney Cresswick * Son of Rut * The Burly Griffin * Waterford

Festival headliner **Josh Pyke** has risen from humble beginnings to be one of the most popular and respected songwriters in the country presently with his album “Memories and Dust” coming in at #34 on Triple J’s recent Hottest 100 Albums of All Time . Josh’s current album, “Only Sparrows” debuted at #4 on the Aria Album Chart and Corinbank is thrilled to showcase his unique talent.

“In 2012 we're building on our reputation as a festival where audiences can discover amazing new music. You may well come to the festival to see a few bands that you already know, but you're sure to go home with a list of new favourites you discovered at Corinbank “ says Mark Bradley, Festival Music Director.

“ Bands like **The Bamboos, Busby Marou, Bonjah, Skipping Girl Vinegar, Tinpan Orange, Thundamentals** and **Sietta** are bands on the ascendancy, who've not yet reached super stardom, but are fast building up a keen following based on fantastic music and amazing live shows” Mr Bradley advised.

It’s not just interstate (and the odd international) act that Corinbank is supporting. “We’re proud supporters of the local music scene” Mr Bradley said. “In 2012, 54% of the musical line up is drawn from the amazing talent of and around the nation’s capital, making us fairly unique in local festival line ups.”

Corinbank’s musical journey is put together with incredible attention to detail – each act chosen to complement the others they share the stage with on the day.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS – BIGGER THAN EVER!

Corinbank plays host to some iconic visual arts pieces such as **Benjamin Gilbert’s** “Turtle”, **Dan Stewart-Moore’s** “Cubed Egg”, **Jack Dallwitz’s** “Dandelions” as well as such respected artists as **Sally**

Ruth, Heike Qualitz, Jane Crick, Angieszka Berger and many others. Visual artist applications are still open until 31 October through the Corinbank website.

Mobile performance venue, **the Bally** is back after touring the country and will play host to a range of artists and shows from burlesque to circus. With an unprecedented number of applications for performing arts, Corinbank is putting together an incredible line up of circus, dance, comedy, poetry, burlesque and genre-defying entertainment. The Bally will be back to play host to shows, workshops and more. Highlights will include **3 Skirts and a Moustache**, a circus collaboration between local and Melbourne artists who will be taking time out from their Adelaide Fringe season to fly back to Canberra for Corinbank. There will also be the inaugural beauty pageant to crown **Miss Corinbank 2012** – only first time amateur drag queens need apply!

Performing Arts Manager, Elena Kirschbaum says, “Festival favourite, the late night sideshow event will be back, and for the first time, in honour of our late friend **Jackie Clark**, we will host the Jackie Clark Dance-Like-No-One’s-Watching Party, with special guests throughout the night.”

“Everyone is encouraged to dress in their most outrageous dance outfits for the night,” Miss Kirschbaum said.

Best of all, attendees at Corinbank 2012 get to discover an intimate experience few festivals can boast – all in the beauty of the Brindabellas.

Corinbank will run from 2-4 March 2012 in the Brindabella Mountains, 20 minutes from Tuggeranong. Tickets are available from www.corinbank.com and start from \$129.00 + BF, U16 \$5 + BF.

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