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A TASTER UNDER THE STARS

The Corinbank music and arts festival will announce its exciting 2012 line-up at a free Corinbank Garden Party on Saturday, 15 October at the Australian National Botanic Gardens.

Hosted by Corinbank in partnership with Canberra Musicians Club and Capital and Country Slow Food Convivium, the free concert provides a wonderful opportunity for people to enjoy music and food in the beautiful surrounds of the Australian National Botanic Gardens.

The event, dubbed the *Corinbank Garden Party*, will see the festival's full music line-up announced.

Corinbank general manager Amy Moon says that the aims of the festival made the Australian National Botanic Gardens the perfect venue for the launch party.

"Corinbank is all about people experiencing the environment and discovering new experiences. The Australian National Botanic Gardens was a natural location for our 2012 line-up announcement – the beautiful surrounds echo the beauty of the Brindabellas and highlight the festival's sustainability aims," said Ms Moon.

"The festival already employs many strategies to minimise its carbon footprint: the whole festival is powered on biodiesel, all cutlery and crockery used by the food stalls are biodegradable, we encourage stallholders to source their food locally, our loos are composting ones, and much more," she said.

"We're delighted that organisers of the Corinbank music and arts festival have chosen the Australian National Botanic Gardens to announce their 2012 line-up," Gardens' general manager Peter Byron said. "The party is going to be on our beautiful Eucalypt Lawn under the stars and we'd encourage everyone to come along and enjoy fantastic music and food surrounded by our great Gardens."

The Garden Party also offers an exclusive (now sold out!) slow food banquet hosted by the Slow Food Convivium with menu planned and prepared by local chef Kim De Poorter. Slow Food fosters community awareness of food that is good, clean and fair – that the food we eat tastes good and should be good for us; that it is grown and made in ways that respect animals, the environment and our health; and that the producers who grow or create it should be fairly rewarded for their endeavour. With a menu inspired by bush food, it seemed holding the Corinbank Garden Party in the Australian National Botanic Gardens was meant to be!

Partygoers will experience some of the joys that the festival has to offer with three local bands – the James Fahy Trio, Beth 'n' Ben and Fun Machine all booked to play at Corinbank 2012.

"This will be the year of discovering the music bands you will love for the rest of your life" Corinbank's musical director Mark Bradley said. "You'll walk in with five favourite bands and walk out with many more new favourites."

The Corinbank Garden Party kicks off at 6pm this Saturday 15 October. A gourmet sausage sizzle and drinks will also be available for party goers who choose to picnic under the stars.

Corinbank will run from 2-4 March 2012 in the Brindabella Mountains, 20 minutes from Tuggeranong.

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