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## ***Summer Sounds'* grand finale weekend**

After a fantastic *Summer Sounds* Australia Day special concert on Sunday, the Australian National Botanic Gardens are gearing up for the concert series grand finale this weekend.

Over 2,000 people walked through the Gardens' gates on Sunday and enjoyed a wonderful Australian-themed concert featuring Canberra jazz band *Annie and the Armadillos* and Indigenous performance troupe *Wirradjuri Echoes*.

"Having had such a terrific turnout at last weekend's *Summer Sounds*, I am sure that our grand finale is going to be just as good - if not better – this weekend," event organiser Jennifer Salkeld said.

"This weekend we will have double the entertainment and double the fun. We are even starting the concerts earlier so we can fit it all in!"

The grand finale celebrations kick off on Saturday at 4:30pm with the *Royal Military College Band* of Duntroon who will treat the audience to their big band sounds. The dancers from *Salsabor* will get the audience up on their feet at 5:45pm with skilled jazz quartet *Vertical* commencing at 6:10pm.

On Sunday the Australian National University double act of Liam Budge Quartet will perform from 4:30pm and the Matt Handel Quintet performing from 6:10pm will conclude the month-long concert series. The popular *Kokoloco* dancers are also sure to win the audience over with a Latin dancing display this Sunday.

The *Summer Sounds* grand finale events will commence at the earlier time of 4:30pm and will conclude at 7:30pm both Saturday and Sunday.

Entry to the concerts is by donation with all proceeds going to the Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens.

Complimentary assistance bus available from the Gardens' car park to the Eucalypt Lawn provided by Peter Blackshaw Real Estate and cold bar sales and sizzling barbecue provided by the Friends and Lions Club.

For further information visit:

<http://www.anbg.gov.au/gardens/whatson/events/summer-2012/summer-sounds.html>

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