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Summer Sounds - blues and grooves, and quirky too

Get ready for another big weekend of music with the *Summer Sounds Concert Series* at the Australian National Botanic Gardens!

Throwing in some quirky and original tunes into the *Summer Sounds* mix, *The Cashews* are sure to entertain on Saturday 19 January from 5.30 pm.

"We're delighted to have *The Cashews* back this year so make sure you bring the whole family for an array of fun and original tracks," event organiser Jennifer Salkeld said.

"Then once *The Cashews* have stopped singing, the family can get back on their feet and dance along with the *Canberra Swing Katz*."

For those who missed out on the *Dorothy-Jane Band* last Saturday due to the concert's cancellation, they'll be back on Sunday 20 January to belt out some blues and grooves to the audience. Dorothy-Jane will also be joined by dance act *Latin Beat Fitness*.

"We couldn't let Canberrans miss out on the queen of the blues harp, so we've invited her back this Sunday. She's replacing the band *Plump* who unfortunately are unable to perform," Jennifer said.

"Don't forget we've also got the *Find Thirty Everyday Family Hub* activity area and free guided walks which depart from the Eucalypt Lawn at 6.30 pm and 7.00 pm. These are great activities for those who would like to take a break from picnicking and dancing.

"Other features of the concert include a 'Dinner on the Lawn' service, gourmet ice-cream, cold bar sales and water dispensers.

"On top of all this the Gardens is running a Facebook competition to give one lucky person the chance to win a painting by renowned botanical artist, Katrine Scott-Findlay. All they have to do is take a photo of their most creative hat worn at the concerts and post it on our Facebook page. The winner will be announced at the end of January."

Summer Sounds is a smoke-free event and runs each Saturday and Sunday in January. Concerts will be cancelled on days of total fire ban or severe weather conditions.

Entry to the concerts is by \$5 donation per car or group with proceeds going to the Friends of the Gardens to help fund Gardens' projects.

For further information about the concerts and a full list of musical and dance acts visit: www.anbg.gov.au/gardens/whatson/events/summer-2013/summer-sounds.html

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