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PRESS RELEASE

Festival shines a spotlight on Canberra

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The Canberra International Music Festival is one of Australia's leading arts events. From 27 April to 7 May, the Festival will bring together more than 80 musicians from almost a dozen countries in an 11-day international showcase that brings Canberra's cultural riches into the national spotlight.

"We want to shine the spotlight on the city of Canberra," says Artistic Director, Roland Peelman. He praised the Festival's venue partners, including National Museum of Australia, National Gallery of Australia, National Portrait Gallery and the National Library of Australia. "With the support of our national institutions, we can turn Canberra into one of the most sought-after and talked about cultural destinations in Australia."

Every year the Canberra International Music Festival continues attract high profile performers to our nation's capital. The dazzling trumpet virtuoso James Morrison has forged a strong bond with jazz enthusiasts the world over. Also taking part in the Festival this year is the New-York based Australian pianist, Lisa Moore. A founding member of the Bang on a Can All-stars, she's been called a visionary by New Yorker Magazine. The award-winning Van Kuijk Quartet are fast establishing themselves as one of the leading string quartets of their generation, while the Simón Bolívar String Quartet are gaining momentum the world over with dynamic, Latin American-infused interpretations of the masterworks of the string quartet genre. Sharing their expertise, SBSQ will also be hosting an informal masterclass with young Canberran chamber musicians, helping to nurture a future generation of performers.

Peelman enthuses, "We hope Canberrans and visitors to our fine city will make the most of having this cultural celebration on their doorstep."

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