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## CASTLEMAINE STATE FESTIVAL SAMPLER MUSIC CD

The depth and range of music on show at this year's Castlemaine State Festival is world-class; and the township and artists are abuzz with activity and preparations for the 10 days of festivities set to ripple across the region.

Originally founded in 1976, the Castlemaine State Festival is the flagship multi-art form, regional state festival in Victoria. With a commitment to programming regional artists and events, including a strong indigenous presence, the Festival also has significant recognition in the international arts festival arena.

Running from 15-24 March, the 2013 Festival will incorporate 16 genres of music – classic, choral, jazz, folk, to name just a few – performed by over 112 musicians, including over 26 ensembles.

Some of the highlights include: A Filetta, one of the world's greatest and most evocative a cappella vocal ensembles; Australia's hippest rock-electro-fusion group, The Raah Project; the brassy swing and joyful swagger that is Tuba Skinny; French cabaret star, Caroline Nin; and the world music of the London Klezmer Quartet, who take the listener on a musical odyssey through the Yiddish villages of Eastern Europe and beyond. The quality of local artists is also easily comparable with the likes of The Mae Trio, contemporary folk musicians, and 37° South, an exquisite, contemporary classical vocal ensemble, also performing.

These artists, plus many more, are showcased on the enclosed CD. Please feel free to include any and all of the tracks on your playlists, advising your listeners, of course, that this is just a sample of the quality available at the Castlemaine State Festival.