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Australian National Botanic Gardens

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Diversity through music and dance at the Australian National Botanic Gardens

The Australian National Botanic Gardens is joining in Canberra's celebration of diversity by inviting visitors to experience a truly multicultural performance, Music, Dances and Weddings today, **Sunday 7 February from 1.30pm – 3.30pm.**

The lush green shade of the Education Lawn at the Gardens provides a wonderful setting in which to enjoy authentic music and dance from the Andes, Samoa, Serbia and Bulgaria.

The Gardens' Executive Director, Judy West, said the Gardens is pleased to be involved in such a popular Canberra event for the third consecutive year.

"The groups are dynamic and exciting to watch. They will take the audience on a cultural journey of song and dance to their respective countries," Dr West said.

Performers include Inka Markas (Forces of the Incas), Draza Mihajlovic (Serbian Folk Dance Ensemble), Penina Ole Pasifika (Pearl of the Pacific, Samoa), Dusha Balkana (Spirit of the Balkans, Bulgaria) and Bulgarian folk singer Silvia Entcheva.

A printed program includes information about each of the groups, the floral emblems from each country and greetings in the four languages.

The event is supported by the ACT Government's Multicultural Grants Program. It is presented by the Bulgarian-Australian Association "Rodina", the Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria, the ACT Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Australian National Botanic Gardens.

What:	Music, Dances and Weddings
When:	Sunday 7 February
Time:	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Where:	Education lawn, Australian National Botanic Gardens
Price:	Free entry
Info:	Visitor Centre on 6250 9540

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