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ALL STAR CAST FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY 08

Guy Sebastian, Paulini, Gary Pinto, and Francine Bell are among the all-star cast headlining music concerts and liturgical events at World Youth Day Sydney 2008.

Among those performing at the Pope Benedict XVI Mass at Randwick Racecourse are Guy Sebastian and Paulini, Robert Galea who's a singing seminarian from Malta, the celebrated Australian opera singer Amelia Farrugia, and Latin-style crooner German Silva. They'll perform the WYD08 anthem *Receive the Power*.

Newcastle's Soulful African-American Gospel singer Francine Bell will also sing at the final mass and will feature during the Stations of the Cross production across Sydney.

Other artists tipped to perform include Darlene Zschech, Tim Hughes, Matt Maher, Cornerstone Music, and Matt Lucas. Organisers expect to announce the full list of Australian and international artists performing at World Youth Day within the next fortnight.

BROOKE FRASER REMARKABLE BALANCE BETWEEN FAITH AND ART

Christianity Today - the American media ministry founded by Billy Graham - has hailed Brooke Fraser's *Albertine* CD as one of the year's best CDs. The magazine says *Albertine* is an "outstanding album" presenting a "remarkable balance between faith and art". Independent label Wood and Bone released the album and the single *Shadowfeet* to mainstream and Christian markets in the US a bit over a week ago. Brooke is touring the USA and Canada this month in support of the album.

A BETTER WAY TO ENJOY DOWNHERE 4 FREE

MusicChristian.com is offering a free download of downhere's 2006 CD, *Wide Eyed And Mystified* this month. The band says the promotion aims to whet the appetite of new fans ahead of the group's new release in September. Hailed as one of *Christianity Today's* best albums in 2006, the CD features the song *A Better Way*.

TEN YEARS AFTER RELIENT K CELEBRATES THE BIRD AND BEE SIDES

Relient K is celebrating 10 years together this week and proving just how funny they are with its latest release - *The Bird and the Bee Sides*. Billed as an 'EP' it nevertheless has 26 songs and a 70-minute running time - longer than many full length CDs.

FLYLEAF RESTS

Finally, some not so good news, Flyleaf has dropped off the last five dates on its current co-headlining tour. According to a recent blog, Lacey is still having extensive vocal issues and the band is heading back home to rest. The good news is the band is going to use the time for some new music for a new album. Bring it on!