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### INDIA INSPIRES MATT LUCAS AND FRIENDS

Matt Lucas this week presents the first of what could become a national series of concerts for Compassion.

The concert features Matt and his band, Debra Byrne from *Cats* and *Young Talent Time*, plus Armondo Hurley (who's performed with Diana Ross, Michael Jackson and Bruce Springsteen).

Matt says the aim of the event is to talk about the things he and Debra had the chance to see in India and Bangla Desh earlier this year.

"The first family I met in India was a family of five - a mum, dad and three young children - much like my own family," Matt says.

"Their dad worked from sunrise to sunset each day pulling rickshaws earning 30 cents [Australian] a day.

"While that's not enough, he is doing everything he can within his power to support his family.

"And that's why Compassion is so important, because they're assisting this guy who is already doing everything he can.

"That's why people like him need help," Matt adds.

The Sydney concert will be held tonight at the Penrith Anglican College.

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### CAROLYN TO LAUNCH TRASH AND TREASURE

Carolyn Oates - the Melbourne singer songwriter who worked in the Australian Christian music arena during the 90s before relocating to Europe - is set to launch her first mainstream album called *In The Moment*.

The lead single - *Trash And Treasure* - is supported by a video clip created by the same team that's worked on *Priscilla Queen of the Desert*, *The Matrix*, *Moulin Rouge*, and *Mission Impossible*.

The *Trash And Treasure* launch takes place at Edinburgh Castle Hotel in Brunswick Melbourne on 9 October.

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### MUSICOZ INDEPENDENT 2010 COMPETITION OPENS

Finally, entries for Australia's only Truly Independent music awards, MusicOz 2010, are now open. Celebrating the best independent music from across the country including Christian and gospel music, the MusicOz Awards are now in their 9th year with 2010 looking to be the best show yet.

The independent music scene in Australia is a thriving and ever-growing part of the wider music community with over 14 000 artists recording more than 85 000 songs. Some Australian Christian artists perform 150-200 times a year.

Entries close 31 October 2009 with all submissions via The MusicOz - website:

[www.musicoz.org](http://www.musicoz.org)