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**Minnesota Spring Kickoff Event Welcomes Warm Weather, Sustainable Practices and Local Community**

Award-winning landscape design and build firm, biota, announces lineup for the third-annual Minnesota Spring Kickoff.

(May 6, 2014) MINNEAPOLIS—The third-annual Minnesota Spring Kickoff is May 8, 2014 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Award-winning landscape design and build firm, biota, says thank you to clients and welcomes the community to their studio in Northeast Minneapolis for a free event celebrating Minnesota’s ground-breaking season. Part live music and food party, part Q and A and education session, the kickoff has become the unofficial start to spring for Minnesota.

Sustainability is at the core of what the landscape design and build firm does, and they’ve selected special guests accordingly. The food truck voted “Best Street Food Minneapolis 2013” by *City Pages*, Dandelion Kitchen (http://dandelionkitchen.com), will serve up handcrafted, locally sourced fare. In addition, biota welcomes guests to discuss the importance of pollinators. Beez Kneez (<http://www.thebeezkneezdelivery.com>), the honeybee education organization known for delivering raw, local honey by bicycle is bringing along a beehive for observation, safety equipment to try on and honey for sale. Visitors will also learn tips for inviting butterflies into their landscape, thanks to Monarch Joint Venture (http://monarchjointventure.org/). Musical guests will once again be the Roe Family Singers.

**More about biota**

Based in Minneapolis, biota is an award-winning landscape design and build firm that works on residential and commercial projects. Their mission is to create innovative designs that invite interaction and inspire the imagination using the highest quality plants, materials and construction techniques. biota maintains relationships with clients after installation to ensure the landscape continues to excite with each new season. Because biota believes it is important to give back to the community, the biota team engages in ongoing education and works with local community organizations sharing their expertise, equipment and excitement to help create a better environment and better neighborhoods. Learn more at biotalandscapes.com.

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