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TITLE:

Jazz Protégé from Vancouver teams up with genre breaking classicists from New York for nine show UK tour.

BYLINE:

Ali Milner, a talented young pianist, singer and composer of songs strong enough to become standards in their own right is sharing a nine date tour of the UK from Sept. 23rd through Oct. 1st, 2010 with two young classically trained guitarists from New York whose work redefines the genre of contemporary classical genre with natural and resonant influences from New York's edgy modern music scene.

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Now in its tenth consecutive year of putting on international showcases of top quality original music spanning a multitude of genres, CME Artist Services is proud to present two superb acts for our latest roots tour of some of the UK's best small independent music venues.

From Thursday Sept. 23rd through Sun. Oct. 1st the vocal and keyboard talent of precocious Vancouver based jazz artist Ali Milner will be matched by the guitar wizardry of New York's award winning contemporary classical pair Threefifty Duo.

Ali Milner a 19-year-old from Canada is making her mark on the indie/jazz charts delivering pure sound and amazing vocal depth, with a modern edge for a classic genre that has been described as shades of Sam Cooke and Nora Jones rolled into one. Already a veteran performer, Ali recently performed during the Vancouver/Whistler 2010 Olympic Games, at the Westjet Street Party during the 2009 Junos in Vancouver, and is preparing to participate in Sarah McLachlan's upcoming tour, Lilith Fair.

"This young woman is real. This young woman is *special*." *Bob Segarini of FYI Music*

"Milner takes the audience on an impressive journey through boogie-woogie, soulful ballads, . . . rock 'n' roll, R&B, show tunes, old school - she does it all." *Ubysssey*

"The songs on *I Dare You* are held together with soulful melodies wrapped up in Milner's ravishing vocals that will leave anyone searching for Canada's next diva breathless." *Fazer Magazine*

"Ali Milner has to be, by far, one of the most talented young artists I've ever listened to"
Blankjebus

Threfifty Duo are that unusual musical phenomena best described as an original breakthrough of a traditional genre. They emulate the classical greats not by copying note for note every scored nuance from ancient manuscripts but by forging their own classical style that is deeply influenced by the hot contemporary scene in their native NYC and in doing so come up with something completely fresh, invigorating, and compelling to all audiences. In this way they are more like a Mozart or a Bach than any Berklee classical scholar can ever hope to be. They have the 'wow' factor so important to our agency's selection process in abundance.

"Threfifty Duo is about to blow your mind with their classical guitar playing . . . Proven to be able to keep any crowd entertained . . . fast fingers and a keen evolution between classical and rock playing is what impresses me the most. A wickedly talented duo." CD Review

"Unmistakably classical-sounding and unmistakably rocking. . . beats with a rock pulse, strums hard. . . taking classical guitar out of its pleasant surroundings and into the mosh pit."
The Brattleboro Reformer

"Brilliant!" Classical Guitar (UK)

TOUR (all shows 9pm to 11pm unless otherwise stated):

Thur. 23rd Sept. White Hart
(Atworth, SN12 8JR, 01225 702274)
Fri 24th Sept. Palladium Club
(Bideford, EX39 2DE, 01237 478860)
Sat 25th Sept. Patriots MC
(Crumlin, NP 114 PT, 01495 247178)
Sun 26th Sept (4pm) Coopers Arms
(Pewsey, SN9 5BL, 01672 562495)
Mon 27th Sept. The Bell
(Bath, BA1 5BW, 01225 460426)
Tues 28th Sept. The Sun
(Lancaster, LA1 1ET, 01524 66006)
Wed 29th Sept. Blackpool School Workshop
Thur 30th Sept. Penny Street Bridge Hotel
(LA1 1XT, 01524 599 900)
Fri 1st Oct. Aspinall Arms
(Mitton, BB7 9PQ, 01254 826223)

LINKS:

<http://www.alimilner.com/>
<http://threfiftyduo.com/>
www.cmeas.com

IMAGES:

Tour posters;

<http://cmeas.com/images/Autumn2010/2010UKAutumnA3.jpg>
<http://cmeas.com/images/Autumn2010/2010UKAutumnA4.jpg>

Artists;

<http://cmeas.com/images/Autumn2010/AlI-202.jpg>
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