



“Mothers Are Women Too”

“Naughty and Nice” Album From Christchurch Chanteuse – In Time for Mother’s Day

Ali Harper’s new album “*Naughty and Nice*” will be launched **tomorrow** and very appropriately highlights the sensual, feminine and complex aspects of being a woman.

As a mother of three and a wife, Ali understands the demands placed on the modern woman.

“We run our own businesses, drive the children around, prepare dinner, manage the house, make financial decisions, and while many of us are fortunate to have strong and supportive husbands and partners, sometimes it is still difficult for us to remember we are still women, that we are complex beings. I hope the songs on the album remind us how we all have our own individual stories to tell and celebrate and that being a woman is a wonderful thing,” she says.

A hand-picked group of New Zealand’s finest musicians and arrangers have worked with Ali on the album, including Fiona Pears, Richard Marrett, Michael Bell, Luke Di Somma, Gwyn Reynolds, Alex van den Broek, Cameron Pearce, John Bevin, Tim Sellars, Mike Ferrar, Richie Pickard, Scott Taitoko, Sonja Bidwell and Matthew Pike. The music is a chocolate box selection of the blues, gorgeous sultry ballads with French and Latin flavours mixed with Ali’s own deliciously cheeky slant on some of the great story-telling songs.

Acclaimed New York based producer and arranger Alex Rybeck, who has worked with some of the biggest names in the business including **Eartha Kitt**, and was mentored by legends such as **Stephen Sondheim** and **Leonard Bernstein**, also worked on the album with Ali.

“*Naughty and Nice*” will be on sale from Wednesday (24th April) and is available at Étagère in Elmwood on Normans Road next to French Blue (in Christchurch) and also on iTunes, CD Baby, Amazon and Spotify, as well as www.aliharper.com

And a whisper – Ali is off to New York in June and will be appearing at the Metropolitan Club which was recently voted by New Yorker magazine, the best club in New York 2013 - more to come.

Note: Ali Harper and band* are showcasing the new album with 2 concerts on **18th & 19th May:**

- Saturday 18th May Rossburn Receptions, Spark Lane, Rangiora 7.30pm
BYO drink and nibbles in a Cabaret setting
- Sunday 19th May The Court Theatre, Addington 7.30pm
Bar facilities available

*Fiona Pears and Matthew Pike are special guests as well as an 8 piece band with Richard Marrett, Richie Pickard, Tim Sellars, Michael Ferrar, Gwyn Reynolds, Cameron Pearce, Scott Taitoko and Sophia Bidwell.

Book online at courtheatre.org.nz ph 963-0870 or purchase at The Court Theatre, Bernard St, Addington
Adult \$40pp / Group +10 \$37pp / Senior \$35pp / Group +10 \$32pp Booking fees may apply

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